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Port bosses' challenge to toxic policy

Liverpool joins ban on poison cargoes

By Michael McCarthy, Ruth Gledhill and Ronald Faux

The Government's policy of allowing toxic waste imports faced a deepening challenge yesterday as the port of Liverpool joined Tilbury in refusing to handle poisonous cargoes.

The chief executives of the ports, two of the country's biggest, announced they would refuse to handle legal consignments of waste contaminated by highly toxic polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

It is believed that Mr John McNab at Tilbury and Mr Trevor Furlong at Liverpool are acting within their powers under the Port of London Act, 1968, and the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Act, 1971, respectively.

The managements of both port-operating companies are fully aware they may face actions for damages over their decisions. There was evident embarrassment over the affair yesterday at the Department of the Environment. Government policy is to allow such shipments to be brought to Britain for treatment if properly regulated.

Public opposition to such cargoes has been increasing, recently coming to a head over a large consignment of PCBs from Canada due to be imported through Liverpool to the Pontypool incineration plant of a top waste-management company, Rechem Environmental Services.

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Mr McNab yesterday refused to allow the offloading from a Soviet freighter of six one-tonne drums of Canadian waste contaminated with PCBs, properly documented and sealed, which had been the subject of a waterborne demonstration by Greenpeace early yesterday.

The environmental group, whose activists affixed a skull-and-crossbones flag to the ship, the Khudozhnik Sarayan, from small rubber boats as it docked, had been under the impression that the waste was an initial part of the consignment for Pontypool.

In fact it was intended for Grosvenor Power Services, a Manchester electrical engineering company specializing in the decommissioning of transformers, for which PCBs were formerly used as coolants, before being banned because of their high toxicity.

The company said yesterday that it would have separated out the PCBs from the waste and sent them for disposal to one of the two companies in Britain licensed to perform the necessary high-temperature incineration, Rechem and Cleanaway Ltd.

A senior engineer, Mr Peter Hodkinson, was unable to put a value on the shipment but said: "If the opportunity arises, we may seek some form of compensation." The waste is now likely to be returned to Canada.

Mr McNab, aged 51, went further than merely banning the cargo of the Khudozhnik Sarayan. He told *The Times* yesterday that he would refuse to allow any future consignments of PCBs, legal or not, to be landed at Tilbury, or "any similar cargoes of toxic waste". His decision was "in the interests of our employees, of the local community, and in the greater interests of the public at large".

Mr Furlong, the managing director of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, immediately decided that the set of 15 shipments of Canadian PCB waste bound for Rechem in Pontypool would not be allowed to land at the Seaforth container terminal in Liverpool. The first shipment from Montreal is due in the port next Wednesday.

Mr Bernard Cliff, the port operations director, said the decision followed representations from both dockworkers in the Transport and General Workers' Union and the local Sefton Borough Council.

But he made it clear that the move extended no further than the specific Canadian shipments bound for Pontypool, and the port had taken no general decision on the future landing of toxic waste.

Rechem are likely to take legal action over the decision, while trying to find another UK port to take the cargoes as a matter of urgency.

"We have consulted our solicitors and we believe that we could well have a claim," said the company's spokesman, Mr Michael Smith. "We are now considering this in great detail."

If the waste were switched to another port, there would be no announcement, Mr Smith said, because "the media are making a complete circus of all this".

The shipments concerned total 1,500 tonnes of waste, of which about 150 tonnes are PCBs. They are due to be burned in Rechem's Pontypool incinerator at more than 1,000°C, but local people have long feared that there may be unburnt residues affecting their environment.

There is now determined opposition and local councillors are taking of blocking the shipments by force if they arrive at the plant.

● **Sellafield battle:** Greenpeace is to launch a campaign to ban the discharge of radio-

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Youth dies after being hit by plastic bullet

CRISPIN RODWELL

Men carrying away a person injured by a plastic baton round during the rioting which broke out in the New Lodge area of north Belfast early yesterday.

Republican youths celebrating at the anniversary bonfire.

Inquiry opens on killing during Belfast rioting

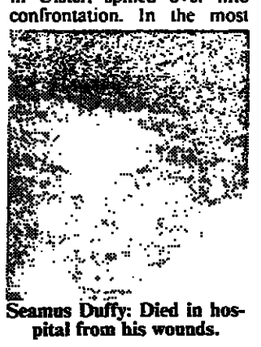
By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

A 15-year-old youth was killed early yesterday after being hit by a plastic baton round during serious rioting in the centre of Belfast on the 18th anniversary of internment.

The RUC last night began an inquiry into circumstances surrounding the death of Seamus Duffy who was killed during two hours of violence in the republican New Lodge area of the city.

Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, emphasized that plastic baton rounds were fired only as a last resort and said he would be meeting Mr Hugh Annesley, Chief Constable of the RUC, and Lieutenant-General Sir John Waters, commander of British troops in Northern Ireland, to see what lessons may be learnt from the incident.

The New Lodge riot was one of scores of outbreaks of violence around the city late on Tuesday night and early yesterday as rising sectarian tensions, marking not only the anniversary of internment but also the run-up to the 20th anniversary on Monday of the deployment of British troops in Ulster, spilled over into confrontation. In the most serious incident outside Belfast, a man and his wife narrowly escaped being killed in Glengormley north of the city Loyalist gunmen broke into their home and fired shots at them through a door after they barricaded themselves in a downstairs room.



Seamus Duffy: Died in hospital from his wounds.

Both were hit. They were said to be "ill but stable" in hospital. Their three young children were in an upstairs bedroom and escaped injury.

The New Lodge riot began at about 1am in pouring rain after around 2,000 people had assembled on waste ground around an internment commemoration bonfire.

A news photographer who was present said that police in Land-Rovers had initially kept a low profile. They had first moved in when youths began erecting makeshift bar-

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Skipper is fined £30,000

The captain of the Danish trawler, who escaped from Stornoway harbour on Tuesday after colliding with a fishery protection vessel while under the influence of drink and evading capture for more than eight hours, had penalties totalling £30,000 imposed on him at the town's sheriff court last night (Kerry Gill writes).

Captain Kjeld Andersen, aged 46, skipper of the Trippe, pleaded guilty to four offences in connection with the incident. The court heard that Captain Andersen would lose both his skipper's ticket and his job.

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Petrol levy urged for credit card drivers

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

Eight million motorists who pay for petrol with credit cards could have to pay 4.6p-a-gallon more than cash customers under radical proposals put forward by petrol retailers.

The influential Petrol Retailers' Association — which represents 10,000 garages — is pressing the Department of Trade and Industry to adopt a two-tier pricing system. It says that petrol prices for all motorists could fall by 1.5p-a-gallon if plastic card users paid the price for their credit.

Retailers and oil companies are forced to pay a "merchant's charge" to the credit card companies of about 2.5 per cent on every purchase. When a motorist buys £12 of petrol — the average spent weekly in Britain — the retailer receives only £11.70 back from the bank.

The association says that garages and oil companies should no longer bear the cost of their customers' credit. A system of two-tier pricing at the pumps would be impractical, but the extra 2.5 per cent charge could be loaded on to the customer's monthly credit card bills.

Tour still a threat to Games

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Benjamin Mkapa, Tanzania's Foreign Minister, said after the Commonwealth foreign ministers' meeting in Canberra yesterday that Africans may still boycott next year's Commonwealth Games because of the British rebel cricket tour of South Africa.

He said that he would be confident of everyone else's participation only if Britain stayed away.

Mike Gatting, leading the 14 players, said yesterday: "I am certainly going through with my decision and I consider I am going there to help break down apartheid."

Meanwhile, two South African rugby officials were in London yesterday making a last-ditch attempt to persuade British players to join a party to tour there later this month.

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26 fall ill in turkey salmonella alert

Health authorities last night warned people in the North-west not to eat cooked turkey as a fresh outbreak of salmonella poisoning swept the region.

Twenty-six people, seven of whom are ill in hospital, have been affected after eating cooked turkey produced from a firm in Widnes, Cheshire.

An operation began last night to trace more than 200 outlets around the North-west before any more of the meat is sold.

Mr Hugh Lamont, for the Mersey Regional Health Authority, said: "We are talking about a different strain of salmonella altogether, rather than that involved in the North Wales outbreak.

"We are warning people who have bought cooked turkey in the region not to eat it and get in touch with their local environmental office first."

The region was recently affected by an outbreak of the virulent bug, salmonella typhimurium, which killed three people and affected more than 400 in the Chester and North Wales areas.

Health experts believe that outbreak was sparked by cooked meats prepared by a butcher's shop in Flint, North Wales.

In a separate incident a mother died and her young son was badly affected by a salmonella outbreak on Wirral, Merseyside.

The 26 people involved come from Southport, Chester, Wirral, St Helens and Liverpool. Seven people are at Halton Hospital in Runcorn.

● **Vaccine withdrawn:** A boy aged 11 has died in Colchester General Hospital two weeks after being vaccinated in the national immunization campaign that began last October (Pearce Wright writes).

The boy from Clacton, Es-

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Angry Bardot shamed by 'loutish' St Tropez

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

The wrath of Brigitte Bardot has once more descended upon St Tropez — and this time the lady is talking about upping sticks and leaving forever the Riviera resort she did more than anyone to make super chic some 30 years ago.

In a blistering open letter to the Mayor, BB denounces the "lewdness, exhibitionism, vice, money and homosexuality" which she believes to have become the shame of her adopted home.

What appears most to enrage her is that The Wrong Sort have taken over. Every year, it seems, she is forced to flee her home ever earlier in the season to avoid the "mediocre, dirty, uneducated and loutish" tourists who invade the retreat where she settled at the height of her fame as a sex symbol. For many a summer Mme Bardot has taken refuge in Bazoches, a grand property in the Parisian region, returning to her villa by the sea, La Madrague, and her cherished collection of animals when the great unwashed have disappeared.

It has to be said that the news that she might leave did not exactly devastate M le Maire, Alain Spadu. Her letter, he observed, was "surprising and painful" but, having chosen to live as a "complete recluse, what could Mme Bardot really know about everyday life there?"

"I think she's lost her head completely," M Spada said. "It's true that St Tropez is dying, but who was responsible for bringing vice and immodesty here in the first place?"

To nobody's great suprise, Mme Bardot's chief complaint against the authorities involves her animals and, specifically, the colony of stray dogs she has assembled at La Madrague. A by-law banning dogs from local beaches particularly incenses her, since "we already have human waste, condoms and all sorts of rubbish covering the sand like a filthy sea".

M Spada remains unimpressed: "Just because we won't let dogs do their business on the beaches where children come to play, she's giving us a real mouthful," he said.

To judge from local reactions, Mme Bardot's cause is not helped by the affair of Charly the donkey, left in her care by a neighbour and castrated on her orders after some attempted hanky-panky with one of her favourite mares.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

MP seeks caution on health reforms

The reform of the National Health Service could lose the Government the next election unless it is handled carefully, a senior Conservative backbencher warned yesterday (Philip Webster writes).

Mr Nicholas Winterton, a member of the Commons social services committee, was speaking on the eve of today's publication by the committee of a report criticizing the speed of the proposed changes.

Mr Winterton, MP for Macclesfield, said that he had the greatest admiration for Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, but criticized his "confrontational" approach to opponents. "He has gone at this like a bull in a china shop," Mr Winterton said on BBC Radio.

However, Lord Trafford, the new Minister of State for Health, said last night that the Government was moving ahead on time and on target and slowly implementing the changes necessary to bring in the new reforms.

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VWs turning right

A single European market in motor vehicles came a step closer yesterday as the European Commission ordered Volkswagen to make right-hand-drive vehicles available to customers in any EC country. The ruling follows complaints from Britons who went to Europe to buy Volkswagens at up to £2,000 below the British price but then faced delays as long as nine months for cars meeting UK specifications.

All orders for right-hand-drive vehicles must now be met from Volkswagen stocks or from its production line for Britain and Ireland, and the waiting period will be eliminated.

To USSR by balloon

Plans for the first non-stop balloon flight from Britain to the Soviet Union were announced in London yesterday (John Young writes). Mr Don Cameron, who has already crossed the Alps and the Sahara by balloon, will be accompanied by Major Herman Titov, the Russian cosmonaut who was the first man to orbit the earth more than once. It is hoped that the balloon, which is being made at Mr Cameron's factory in Bristol, will be ready to fly by the first week in September.

Adults back smacking

Nine out of 10 parents oppose attempts to stop them smacking their children, according to a survey published yesterday (Douglas Broom writes). Of the 1,200 parents who took part in a study by *Under Five*, the Pre-school Playgroups Association magazine, 91 per cent admitted to smacking their children. Although half said that they felt guilty about doing so, all defended their right to choose appropriate forms of punishment for their own children.

Women top prize list

Two women won top prizes at the National Eisteddfod of Wales in Llanrwst yesterday. Mrs Irma Chilton, a grandmother from Tregeiniog, near Llangollen, won the prose medal with a novel for young people. "The Glass Pig" — "Mochyn Gwydr," a tale of youthful emotions. The other winning woman was Mrs Stel Farrar, aged 29, an Englishwoman who won the Welsh Learner of the Year competition.

British lead in bridge

Great Britain, the host country, has established a commanding lead against France at the halfway stage of the semi-final round in the second world junior bridge championship (Harold Franklin writes). France were the pre-tournament favourites. The other semi-final, between Australia and Argentina, is proving to be a more tightly contested match. Half-time scores: Great Britain 104, France 65; Australia 82, Argentina 61.

Tube strikes resolved by years-old clause

By Tony Dawe

The Tube strikes which have brought misery to London commuters on 14 days in the past four months, were finally halted yesterday when professional mediators recommended a pay rise for train crews under an old clause first spotted by a District Line driver eight months ago.

The driver, from East Ham depot, pointed out at a branch meeting of the rail union Aslef that a pay and conditions review promised in 1984 for operators of driver-only trains had never been carried out.

The failure of the Aslef leadership and London Underground management to react when the driver's point was raised with them led directly to the one-day strikes which have incovenienced the 2.7 million passengers who use the Tube daily.

The drivers' action, at first unofficial, was so well supported that claims were voiced in Parliament that they were led by left-wing militants eager to stir up a "summer of discontent". Another view was that Aslef and the National Union of Railmen secretly supported the unofficial dispute to avoid getting caught by new industrial legislation requiring them to ballot members before calling action.

Inquiries by *The Times* have shown, however, that while militants were active and union officials present at mass meetings which called the unofficial strikes, the drivers were determined enough to lead a genuine "shop-floor revolt". They were also aided by London Underground's ability to make bad decisions at the wrong time.

Miss Pam Singer, an NUR member formerly associated with the International Marxist Group, was one militant to admit involvement in the dispute.

Mr Oliver New, a Tube driver who contributes to *Labour Briefing*, a Trotskyist paper, told another meeting that Aslef officials gave "a nod and a wink" to activists to organize unofficial mass meetings.

The dispute, however, was undoubtedly sparked by a London Underground decision which, according to one senior manager, should never have been taken. He said: "I warned Roger Straker, the personnel director, not to pay drivers on the Northern and Central Line who still have guards on their trains the same rate as those operating driver-only trains. I said it would create problems and provide a rod to break our own back."

Management aided strike with bad decisions at the wrong time

The old rolling stock and station design of the two lines has prevented them from being converted to driver-only operation. Drivers on the Northern Line have resented lagging behind in pay and have sought jobs elsewhere, adding to the Northern's reputation as "the misery line".

The Underground decided last autumn that the only way to stop the drift was to pay all drivers the same. The decision produced predictable dismay at "one-person-operator" depots but nothing happened until the driver at East Ham spotted the clause in the 1984 agreement.

"It took an archaeologist in the trade union movement to dig up the stone which caused the trouble," one Underground director said.

Aslef leaders tried to raise the clause at regular "working party" meetings with the management but delays prompted a gang of four activists to plan more direct action. The "gang" soon multiplied into a 20-strong group, whose leadership rotated to avoid identification.

Backed by votes at mass meetings, they called two unofficial 24-hour strikes in April in support of a £64-a-week claim for those operating driver-only trains. Neither strike received full support. Both Aslef and the NUR deny claims that the unions were manipulating the strike behind the scenes to beat industrial legislation. "Frankly, our members, and drivers in particular, gave us a kick up the backside," Mr Laurie Harris, of the NUR, said.

"The problem was that the drivers were making demands without access to the usual negotiating machinery."

The drivers' resolve was hardened by another Underground blunder; the offer of a train staffing agreement which provided more money in return for flexible rostering.

The biggest lesson of the dispute, according to one organizer, talking to *Socialist Organiser*, a Trotskyist paper, is that "you don't have to wait for the leadership. You can take the upper hand by yourself and it seems an effective way at the moment of getting round trade union laws."

Commission is urged to rethink its nitrate plan

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A severe warning that European Community proposals for reducing nitrates in drinking water could lead to millions of acres of farming land being taken out of production, is issued today by a House of Lords committee.

In East Anglia more than half the land area, overwhelmingly used for arable farming, might have to be put down to grass or trees, the Select Committee on the European Communities says in a strongly-worded report urging the European Commission to take away its proposals and rethink them.

The present state of knowledge about nitrate pollution and prevention is insufficient to justify action which would have such "draconian" effects, the committee concludes.

It warns that the proposals could mean a fall of about one-third in the value of arable production, which was about £4 billion in 1987.

The all-party committee, chaired by Lord Middleton, the Conservative peer, heard wide-ranging scientific evidence during a lengthy inquiry into the commission directive proposing curbs on intensive agricultural activity designed to achieve the target of cutting nitrate levels in drinking water sources to under 50 parts per million (or 50 milligrams per litre).

Under the community plans member countries will have to designate as "vulnerable zones" areas of land which drain directly or indirectly into rivers or ground water where that level could be exceeded, and within four years to introduce restrictions on nitrogen fertilizers in the risk areas.

The Government has already taken action in the Water Act to establish nitrate-sensitive areas but its proposals are in the first instance voluntary and place the main emphasis on changes in farming practice and land use rather than restrictions on the quantity of fertilizers.

The committee praises the Government's approach and says that scientific uncertainties about the process involved in nitrate pollution and the sweeping consequences of compulsory measures mean that the Government's cautious approach is the best way forward to enable lessons to be learnt which would be applied more widely in future.

The committee supports the commission's view that some restrictions on the quantities of nitrate entering water sources from agricultural land is essential if the supply of wholesome water from the tap is to be safeguarded.

But it questions whether the commission's proposals are the most effective solution and questions whether the commission took account of all the scientific evidence available to it.

House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities: Nitrate in water (Stationery Office, £7.40).

Powers to protect rivers and estuaries from excess sewage discharges from treatment works were announced yesterday by the Government (Peter Mulligan writes). They represent a legal mechanism whereby the National Rivers Authority can bring a prosecution on the basis of a single bad sample. For some works, while improvements are under way, the upper limit will be set at three times the usual level.

Hi-tech grandmasters go for gold

BOB GANNON

Chess computers and their operators preparing for the first technological Olympic Games in London yesterday.

Eighty-six computers from 16 countries yesterday began a battle for medals in the first Olympic Games for thinking machines (Raymond Keene writes).

Mr David Levy, the man behind the event and the world's leading expert on chess computers, said: "If humans can compete for medals in physical Olympics, why should computers not do the same in mind sports?" Among those seeking the title is Mr Richard Lang, aged 34, of Cheltenham, who has won the world computer chess championship for Britain for the past four years.

The oldest programmer is Mr Derek Oldbury, aged 65, from Devon, who, though confined to a wheelchair, has been British draughts' matchplay champion since 1955 and was world draughts' champion from 1976 to 1982.

The event was opened by Mr David Hunt, Minister of State for Local Government and the Inner Cities, at the Park Lane Hotel in London, where it will continue until August 15.

It is being sponsored by the Taiwanese software company, Acer.

Cleveland cases 'tip of the iceberg'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The consultant paediatricians at the centre of the Cleveland sex abuse crisis in 1987 defended their actions yesterday and issued a warning that the cases were only the "tip of the iceberg".

Dr Geoffrey Wyatt and Dr Marietta Higgs, who dealt with the 157 cases of suspected child abuse examined by Justice Butler-Sloss during the Cleveland inquiry, presented unpublished figures at a conference in London. They showed that two thirds of the cases might have been missed if they had not been recognized by the two doctors.

The figures showed that more than a third of the cases were siblings of children initially referred to the paediatricians and that in only 36 out of the 157 cases the doctors found no physical signs of sexual abuse. Dr Wyatt, who still works at Middlesbrough General Hospital but is barred from seeing physically or sexually abused children, said: "The cases doctors recognized and acted on were probably only the tip of the iceberg." He said the public backlash against the doctors after the inquiry risked burying the iceberg.

Dr Wyatt, speaking at the third international conference on incest and related problems, denied that he was presenting the figures to justify his diagnoses.

The figures were submitted to *The Lancet* for publication but have recently been rejected. They show that 82 children were referred to Dr Higgs and Dr Wyatt from social workers, health visitors and GPs. Forty-two of these children were referred because other professionals suspected they had been sexually abused and the remainder were referred solely with health problems. Thirty-nine of the children referred with a health problem had physical signs consistent with child abuse and 35 of those with a concern about sexual abuse.

Eighty per cent of these referrals showed a clinical basis for suspected child abuse — before examination — in line with government guidelines issued after the inquiry report, Dr Wyatt said.

The doctors subsquently examined 59 siblings and associates of those referred with health problems and 16 siblings of suspected sexual abuse referrals. In the first group, 40 children had physical signs consistent with sexual abuse and in the second group, nine. The figures also showed that the initial referrals made up only 3 per cent of the total paediatric outpatient cases which both doctors had to deal with between January and July 1987.

Dr Higgs, who has also been banned from working with sexually abused children, but is employed as a neonatologist at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, said that if the professions had shared their information with the community it may have prevented the subsequent hysteria.

She maintained that the two doctors' actions had been widely misinterpreted by the Press. She denied, for example, that children had been "whipped out of their beds" at night.

Hampden to be turned into all-seater stadium

By Kerry Gill

Hampden Park, Scotland's national football stadium, is to be saved by a government commitment to provide a multi-million pound package that will help convert the ageing ground into an all-seater venue.

The Times can disclose that Mr Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Conservative Party chairman and minister with responsibility for sport, has held secret talks with soccer club officials and Queens Park, which owns the stadium built at the beginning of the century.

The aim is to make the stadium suitable for World Cup qualifying championships. Fifa, the sport's governing body, recently decreed that all world class matches must be held in all-seater grounds.

Work on upgrading the stadium is expected to top £20million and the Government commitment will depend on Queens Park and other Scottish clubs also providing cash.

Holiday flight disruption

Airports braced for delays

By Robin Stacey

Britain's busiest charter airports are today preparing themselves for another bout of delayed holiday flights as French air traffic control engineers start a new strike.

Tens of thousands of holiday-makers are bound to face delays from 5pm this evening when the engineers walk out and stop servicing or repairing air traffic control computers.

Although the stoppage is the longest yet at six consecutive days, airports were yesterday playing down the prospect of long and frustrating delays for holiday-makers over the weekend.

"The last time the engineers stopped work, a fortnight ago, most delays were about an hour or two, and never worse than four hours," a spokesman for Gatwick Airport, Britain's most popular package holiday point of departure, said. "We have our fingers crossed that hold-ups will not be no worse this weekend." Passengers must continue to check in on time.

Luton and Manchester airports, also popular with charter firms, were yesterday bracing themselves to combat new outbreaks of terminal boredom among frustrated passengers, specially younger ones.

They have laid on the usual range of entertainments from clowns and jugglers to video shows and puzzle books.

There was also bad news for thousands of passengers preparing for trips to far-flung destinations. As many as 50,000 face surcharges of between £10 and £150 extra per head on price of their holidays because of fluctuations in the value of the pound.

● A sharp but probably brief break in this summer's warm weather is expected today and tomorrow as the remnants of a tropical storm combine with a North Atlantic depression to bring wet and windy conditions to most areas (John Young writes).

The Meteorological Office said yesterday that Hurricane Dean, which had been blowing at speeds of up to 80 miles an hour off the east coast of Canada, was dying out.

A large amount of warm, moist air sucked northward from the Caribbean was expected to engage with cold air from the Atlantic to create severe gales and storms over Scotland.

The London Weather Centre said that winds would pick up this afternoon and this evening. Gales were likely in the eastern Atlantic and the Western Approaches, with moderate to rough seas.

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Toxic imports

UK 'dustbin of the world'

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

The importation of toxic waste meant Britain was becoming "the dustbin of the world", critics of the policy said yesterday.

More than 200,000 tonnes of waste was estimated to have been imported in the last financial year, according to the last annual report of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution. The Government and the waste disposal industry said Britain was performing a valuable service in providing high-technology facilities for countries not so well-equipped.

However, the inspectorate report, published last February, made clear that in 1988-89, only about 80,000 tonnes of special category hazardous wastes was estimated to have been imported for specialized treatment, such as high-temperature incinceration.

About 130,000 tonnes was being imported for direct landfill, that is, dumping on refuse sites, a practice which the Government opposes.

Lord Caithness, then Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, told the European Community council of environment ministers meeting in June that landfill dumping should be permitted only "in exceptional circumstances". The Government is still waiting for a response from Brussels.

The National Association of Waste Disposal Contractors is also against importing for landfill. However, along with the Government, it has hitherto supported fully the importation of hazardous wastes for specialized disposal.

The provision of such services was unexceptionable "provided it is properly controlled and monitored", Lord Caithness said in a speech last November. Mr David Boyd, of the waste disposal contractors, said: "We do not support the import of wastes to the UK for direct landfill, in common with the Government. But we do believe that the use of specialized treatment and high-temperature incineration facilities for the safe disposal of imported waste is justified."

There was a global shortage of facilities to handle certain wastes "in a proper environmentally sound manner".

Mr Boyd said: "Until that shortage is rectified, we beleve it is preferable to see such wastes dealt with effectively and professionally by countries which have the suitable technology, rather than have unsatisfactory disposal in the country of origin or have these wastes exported to a developing nation with no facilities."

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Deadly baton round meant only to injure

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Seamus Duffy is the fourteenth person to be killed in Northern Ireland by plastic baton rounds since the troubles began.

The last victim was Mr Keith White, aged 20, a Protestant who died after being struck in the head during rioting in Portadown in April 1986.

The 4in x 1½in rounds are hard PVC cylinders fired with a muzzle velocity of between 130mph and 170mph.

The plastic round was introduced in the province in 1972, taking the place of rubber bullets which were found to be indiscriminate and to lose velocity when fired over long distances.

The rubber bullets which were in turn based on wooden versions first developed in Hong Kong during the 1960s, claimed three lives in Ulster. They were phased out in 1975.

All three versions were designed to cause pain but not serious injury and certainly not death. The rules under which the RUC and the British Army deploy them in Northern Ireland are very specific: they must be used only to disperse a crowd when they are judged to be the minimum reasonable force required to do so.

The rounds must be fired at selected persons and aimed at the lower part of the body. They can be deployed only on the order of the commanding officer on the spot, and can not be fired at distances of less than 20 metres unless the safety of soldiers or others is seriously threatened.

Plastic rounds were recently at the centre of fresh controversy after it was disclosed in June that the Ulster Defence Regiment had been trained to use them for the first time, although the Army said the regiment would not be used in riot control duties.

At the time, an Army spokesman said: "Experience has shown that plastic rounds can be an effective but relatively safe means of responding when lives are threatened."

Commons ire at rising cost of MPs' overseas trips

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Senior Conservative MPs are expected to urge a crackdown on overseas trips by Commons select committees, as the cost is expected to rise to about £450,000 this year.

Details of a series of forthcoming tours — including a £24,000 visit to Canada by the select committee on members' interests — were disclosed yesterday when the minutes of last month's meeting of the liaison committee were released. The committee, which comprises the chairmen of the various select committees, approves trips.

Some senior Conservatives, including members of the executive of the 1922 Committee of backbenchers, are calling for a shake-up of the system to improve its public image.

They believe that the Commons should decide which inquiries the committees should undertake and consider it wrong that the chairmen themselves, through the liaison committee, should effectively be seen to approve their own trips.

Proposals will be put to the all-party Commons procedure committee, chaired by Sir Peter Emery, when it embarks on the first thorough review of the committees since they were established in their present form in 1980. The review is due to start in the autumn.

The liaison committee sanctioned trips costing £130,000 at its July meeting. The most expensive will be the Canada trip which is being made by the members' interests committee in connection with an inquiry into parliamentary lobbying.

Mr Robert Cryer, Labour MP for Bradford South, who is a member of both the members' interests committee and the liaison committee, attacked the system last night and said he would be boycotting the Canada visit.

Mr Cryer said some trips were genuinely necessary but a lot were not. It was becoming routine for MPs to go abroad, and the visits were seen as a committee membership perk. He said much of the information could be gathered through correspondence. Mr Cryer said the liaison committee was sometimes more like a travel agency than a Commons committee. However, he thought he was the only member to have voted against trips.

"They discuss interminably whether people should go first class, club class or economy, and how to upgrade people from economy to club," he said.

The committee also approved a visit by the agriculture committee to Norway, costing £9,603, for an inquiry on land use; an education committee trip to Brussels, Paris and Bonn costing £15,293 for an inquiry on European science; and a visit by the foreign affairs committee for separate trips to Strasbourg and Brussels costing £5,590, to Paris and Madrid costing £11,108, and to Rome and Bonn costing £8,307.

In addition, the energy committee is going to Washington at a cost of £9,967 and to France and Germany at a cost of £11,616. The trade and industry committee is also going to Brussels at a cost of £8,156.

Last month's report by the House of Commons Commission said that trips abroad by the departmental committees in the current year were expected to cost £382,000 for non-European Community trips and £60,000 for EC trips.

Some senior Conservatives believe that the system is abused and that party whips offer committee chairmanships to former ministers simply to "keep them sweet".

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Accident 'ruined life'

Record damages of £1.2m for former university student

By Richard Ford, Legal Affairs Reporter

Record personal injury damages of £1.2 million were awarded in the High Court yesterday to a former university student whose "glittering future" was destroyed by brain damage caused by a car accident.

The injuries changed the personality of Mr Martin Harrop, a bright student and talented musician and artist, and left him with extreme behavioural problems.

Mr Michael Wright QC, counsel for Mr Harrop, told the court his client had made a physical recovery which astonished doctors but was "wildly disinhibited" and, most distressing of all, had considerable insight into his condition.

He said Mr Harrop's behaviour was such that hospitals and other institutions could not cope with him.

Mr Wright said most people in his condition were euphoric cabbages but Mr Harrop, aged 22, remembered his time at Warwick University. He said Mr Harrop had little insight into his behaviour but would show repentance by leaving notes around the house for his parents or carers to find.

He is cared for 24 hours a day by a team of skilled helpers, led by a psychologist and co-ordinated by his father, Peter, who gave up his job as managing director of a large multi-national electronics corporation to help his son.

Mr Wright told the court: "This young man has suffered what I can possibly describe as the most unbelievably catastrophic injuries which present to him the ruin of his life and career."

The insurance company responsible for meeting the claim offered Mr Harrop, of Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire, £1.2 million.

Mr Wright told Mr Justice Jowitt that Mr Harrop had hoped to follow in his father's footsteps and had a brilliant future in electronics.

The judge approved the damages award after watching a 30-minute video recording about the former student.

He said: "This is an entirely proper settlement of which I wholeheartedly approve. No one could have read the medical reports in this case without wanting to pay tribute also to Martin's parents."

Mr and Mrs Peter Harrop refused to comment but Mr Peter Hunter, their solicitor, said the size of the damages reflected the extent of their son's realization of his condition.

> **He has suffered catastrophic injuries which present to him the ruin of his life**

The court was told that Mr Harrop's injuries were sustained after he was involved in a car crash on the A399 road at Kentisbury, Devon, on December 27, 1985. He was the back seat passenger in a car driven by Mr Manuel Fernandez.

The driver lost control of the vehicle and Mr Harrop was flung through the sun roof, possibly hitting his head on the way out or landing on his head.

Six months later Mr Fernandez, of Woolacombe, North Devon, pleaded guilty to reckless driving. His insurer will meet the bill for damages.

The previous record figure for personal damages was £1,032,000 which was awarded in 1987 to Mr Samir Aboul-Hosu, a student who suffered brain damage as a result of negligent post-operative care.

The former record figure for personal damages as a result of a road accident was awarded to Miss Jane Brittain, a solicitor, who became a tetraplegic after being hit by a car while she cycled home in Birmingham. She was given £949,078.

At the time of the accident, Mr Wright said Mr Harrop "was an exceptionally bright young man with four A levels in maths, physics, and chemistry and — almost as an afterthought — he took a further A level in art in the course of a year".

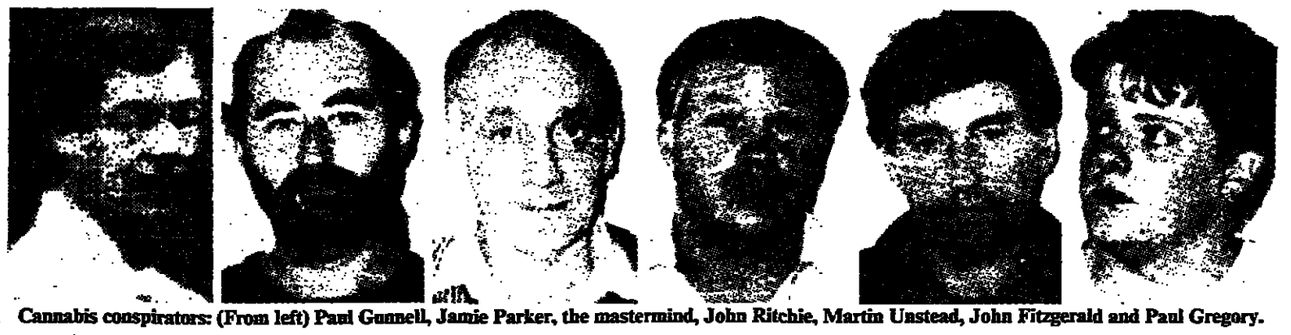
The judge inspected three works of art which Mr Harrop painted before the crash. Mr Wright said: "He was a very talented artist, he was also a very talented musician who played the clarinet and the saxophone to a high standard."

He added that Mr Harrop's mental state does not allow him to enjoy music for any considerable time, and although his physical recovery had astonished doctors, he suffered tremors and a visual defect and was "wildly disinhibited" so that his words and conversation could be entirely inappropriate.

The brain injury meant that instead of having an intelligence rating in the top 20 per cent of the country, he was now in the bottom 10 per cent.

Sky chase foiled helicopter drug run

The Gazelle helicopter used in the plot to smuggle a quarter of a ton of cannabis bought in the underworld Dutch drug market for sale in Britain.



Cannabis conspirators: (From left) Paul Gunnell, Jamie Parker, the mastermind, John Ritchie, Martin Unstead, John Fitzgerald and Paul Gregory.

Gang of six sent to jail for cannabis smuggling plot

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

One moment Jamie Parker's Gazelle helicopter was a blip on the air traffic controller's radar. The next it had vanished.

Dropping out of sight of the controllers one September evening last year Parker descended until his craft disappeared within Harewood Forest, near Andover in Hampshire.

In less than five minutes a quarter of a ton of cannabis worth £800,000, flown from The Netherlands, had been hauled out to a waiting car. A few more flights and the helicopter would be his, the gift of grateful smugglers. Parker, aged 34, an unemployed West Country pilot, lifted off again.

His hopes were to be shattered within minutes. Waiting in the air over the forest was an RAF Puma with Customs and police aboard. A second was already landing investigators to seize the drugs.

Yesterday Parker, of Downton, Wiltshire, and other members of the first helicopter-borne smuggling group found in Britain were jailed at Winchester Crown Court for conspiracy to smuggle drugs.

Parker, who thought up the idea, and Paul Gunnell, aged 35, a company director, of Draycott Avenue, Chelsea, central London, who organized the scheme, were both jailed for seven years.

John Fitzgerald, aged 44, who worked in Spanish bars but called himself a company director, of Greville Road, Maida Vale, north-west London, also received seven years as the man with vital contacts to drug suppliers.

Martin Unstead, aged 42, a driver, from Jerningham Road, New Cross, south-east London, was sentenced to six years imprisonment.

John Ritchie, aged 48, a greengrocer and general dealer, of Rosewood Farm, Warren Road, Chelsfield, Kent, was jailed for four years.

Paul Gregory, aged 22, a driver, of Sprucedale Close, Swanley, Kent, who bought a XR3 for cash and drove to the helicopter landing ground in September last year, was jailed for two years.

Customs officers believe if they had not stepped in a highly successful smuggling operation would been established, bringing tons of high quality cannabis, bought in the wholesale underworld Dutch drug market, into Britain.

The operation began in spring last year when Customs investigators began monitoring Gunnell, a Merseysider living part of the time in London and part of the time in a villa in Marbella.

In the West Country detectives from No 7 Regional Crime Squad and Wiltshire Drugs Squad were watching Unstead, out on bail while awaiting trial for trying to smuggle drugs from Spain via France to Britain.

The two investigations merged when Gunnell appeared in Britain to meet Unstead and Parker. Investigators watched as Gunnell and Parker, using false names, bought a Gazelle helicopter for £63,000 in Carlisle.

The helicopter was flown south and kept at an airfield near Andover as the smugglers' plans developed. In August Parker flew his craft to Southampton and tried to export it but there was a hitch because the right forms to avoid value-added tax had not been filled in. Eventually the helicopter was flown to Midden-Zeeland and the Dutch authorities joined in the operation. Shortly after the helicopter's arrival it was loaded at night with cannabis.

On Sunday, September 4, the helicopter finally took off with a flight plan to arrive at Bristol airport. As Parker approached the British coast he was picked up by the two RAF helicopters from 33 Squadron at RAF Odiham. For a month investigators and the RAF had been practising and preparing for the smuggling run.

The RAF pilots kept some distance behind the Gazelle. Investigators followed his reception party to the forest and watched as they hid in the undergrowth as the helicopter approached.

No sooner had Parker landed than one of the Pumas put down a team of officers. Arrests were made as Parker began to lift off again.

Faced with the RAF helicopter Parker refused to surrender. Using a mobile telephone he warned Gunnell the game was up and raced away across the sky. The second RAF machine joined in a 20-minute chase until finally Parker was forced to land.

Yesterday an order was made by Judge Starforth Hill for the confiscation of the helicopter and cash seized by the Customs.

PORTFOLIO BOND

There were no valid claims for yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Bond. Six people redeemed their bonds: Mr J A Buckley of Oldham, Lancashire (£1,000); Mr Brian Hewitt of Hillsbrough, Co Down (£100); Mrs M Murray of Chislehurst, Kent (£50); Mrs H Kindness of Woking, Surrey (£25); Mr R A Palmer of Pickering, North Yorkshire (£25); and Mrs J E Long, of Nantwich, Cheshire (£10).

Newcastle train crash

Driver is fined for passing red signal

By Peter Davenport

A British Rail driver was found guilty yesterday of driving through a red danger signal and causing a crash between two high speed trains. Newcastle upon Tyne magistrates were told, however, that the signalling system in operation at the time of the incident had now been changed.

Fifteen people were injured in the accident on the King Edward Bridge outside Newcastle's Central Station on November 30 last year.

The court was told how two carriages were derailed when the front of the King's Cross to Aberdeen train driven by Mr Richard Dooling, aged 62, crashed into the back of a southbound train which had just left the station.

Mr Michael Graham, for the prosecution, told magistrates that Dooling, a driver with nearly 30 years' experience, had driven through the danger signal after "assuming the line ahead was clear".

After the crash, the signalling system was locked pending a British Rail investigation which showed that it had been functioning properly on the night the accident occurred.

Dooling's claim that the signal was at yellow, which would have allowed him to proceed, was dismissed by the magistrates.

He was fined £60 for failing to obey a red light and ordered to pay £300 costs. Mr Nicholas Hillier, for the defence, said: "Mr Dooling has spent all his working life with British Rail and has been a driver for the last 29 years and there have been no disciplinary proceedings against him until this incident.

"He is a man who is quite sure of what he saw but, by the finding of this court is clearly mistaken. It was not a wilful disregard of the light, it was just a momentary inadvertence on that unfortunate night."

Mr Hillier disclosed that after an internal inquiry into the incident, Dooling, of Morteynes Road, Tottenham, north London, was disciplined but had been allowed to resume his job as a driver.

He also added that the signalling system employed at Newcastle station at the time had now been changed.

He said that if the signalling procedures now in use had been operating at the time of the incident it would have meant that Dooling's train would have stopped at an earlier signal.

Later British Rail said: "We expect our drivers to drive within the regulations in force at the time and in the light of court's decision we will be reviewing the situation regarding Mr Dooling."

Recluse's treasures for auction

Art treasures worth millions of pounds have been found in a derelict Cheltenham mansion once owned by an eccentric antique dealer who died earlier this year.

Removal men and art experts moved into the 10 bedroom Regency house in Bayshill Road, Cheltenham, soon after Mr Ron Summerfield, aged 67, a bachelor, died in hospital.

For weeks furniture vans were loaded with paintings, books and porcelain from the four-storey house. At the same time, Christie's, the auctioneers, moved into a shop near by owned by Mr Summerfield.

Relatives also told lawyers looking after his estate of a warehouse in Derby crammed with collected antiques. Christie's will publish a catalogue of the works next week, and auction them later this year.

Scottish council under fire for banning dogs in parks

By Kerry Gill

A picturesque district in Scotland which relies on tourism is to ban dogs from public parks to stop them fouling the ground and posing a risk of disease.

Moray District Council will become the first council in Britain to introduce a complete ban. Although the decision taken at yesterday's meeting of the recreation committee has to be ratified by the full council, this is expected to be a formality.

The decision, described as "draconian" by those opposed to the move, comes after 10 years of deliberation by local councillors. Moray has become renowned for its floral beauty and the town of Forres has won a number of awards for its displays.

One councillor said that they had been forced into the decision by continued indifference to the problem from central government. A dog control scheme will be drawn up by the council before the ban comes into operation. However, once in effect, it will mean that all dogs are banned from more than 70 parks and playing fields.

Mr Eddie Aldrige, the council convener, said that he was confident that the rule would be agreed by the full council. Members supporting the ban have become increasingly concerned at the way dogs have fouled parks.

Even people in wheelchairs have suffered from dog faeces being transferred to their hands while travelling through parks. Mr Aldrige said: "There are important issues at stake here, least of all public health. People are fed up having to plough through dog mess in public parks."

Mr Aldrige said the Government's refusal to sanction a dog registration scheme had forced them to act. He said the decision could mean an extra 50p a head on the community charge.

The decision drew an angry reaction from some local councillors and dog-lovers, and the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SCPCA) expressed disquiet. Mr Canal Smith, an Elgin councillor, described the measures as "draconian" and said a lot more thought and discussion would be required before "any action could be taken.

Mr Bill Simpson, local SSPCA representative, said he felt that the council had possibly gone too far. "It seems a bit of a shame, especially for older people. They depend on their animals for comfort. I would like to see training centres set up to educate dog owners to be responsible."

Mrs Pat Roberts, vice-president of the Banff, Moray and Nairn Canine Club, said the proposal was rash and ill-thought out. "What about blind and deaf people?"

Sir Cameron Rusby, chief executive of the SSPCA, said: "We and the RSPCA in England and other organizations have been trying to get the Government to introduce a registration scheme. We feel that that would perhaps control the dog population situation which is almost out of control."

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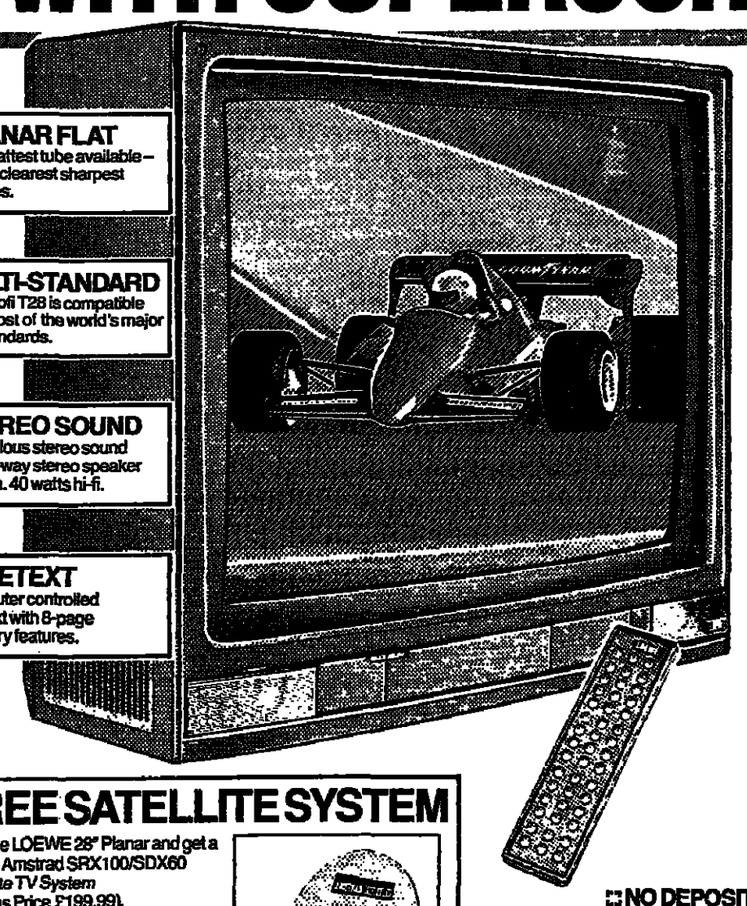

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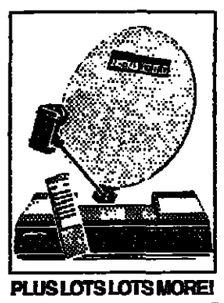

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Shake-up for North Sea lifesaving measures ordered

By Kerry Gill

The offshore oil and gas industries are to have new lifesaving measures in the wake of the Piper Alpha disaster.

Proposed Department of Energy regulations will cover mainly survival craft and life rafts, evacuation routes, muster stations, means of escape from platforms, life jackets and alarm systems.

Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, said that the proposed changes represented "a good basis on which to proceed" and that every opportunity to improve safety in the industry would be "vigorously pursued".

Since the Piper Alpha disaster on July 6 last year, in which 167 men died, guidance on certain safety aspects has already been issued.

Mr Morrison said: "Our intention to review regulations on life-saving appliances takes us another step down the road to ensuring that everything practicable is being done to make the North Sea a safer place to work."

During the public inquiry into the Piper Alpha explosion many of the survivors criticized safety measures that they considered inadequate. These included too few life jackets, a lack of escape ropes, not enough fast rescue craft and no special breathing masks for surviving in smoke.

The regulations will go some way to meet such criticisms. They include increasing the capacity of survival craft to accommodate twice the number of people on an installation. Life rafts, according to the proposals, should not be an acceptable substitute for survival craft although there should be enough to for everyone.

Legislation and guidelines on offshore medical standards have been awaited since 1983, Mr Joseph Cross, an offshore survival expert, told the Piper Alpha inquiry which resumed yesterday. Mr Cross was critical of the means of escape to the waterline provided on Piper Alpha but said that although offshore survival training was not required by law, the industry had been responsibly self-regulated.

Evacuation routes and muster points should be protected from radiant heat and smoke. Work on how best to achieve this is still being considered and the conclusions will be published shortly.

New methods of safely evacuating an installation and escaping into a survival craft or life raft are being evaluated. It is proposed that every installation should be equipped with at least twice as many life jackets as the number of people on board, and the provision of immersion suits may also become a statutory requirement.

More public address systems are proposed and greater standardization of alarms will be introduced. Public address systems should also be backed up by communications systems that do not rely on vulnerable power sources. The department suggests more portable VHF radios, which are now available in totally waterproof form with multi-channels operable in all weathers.

The proposals will be put to the industry for consultation. The come after a review of the Offshore Installations (Life Saving Appliances) Regulations 1977 following which lessons were learned from the Piper Alpha disaster.

Seals prepare for their new life at sea

MIKE WILKINSON

Going home: Batman (left) and Harvey, the seals, preparing for a dip in a pool before returning to the open sea next month.

A young seal called Batman, in the arms of Terry Donovan (left), and Harve, a female seal, held by Rod Hayner, about to take the plunge in a Scottish pool yesterday to prepare them for a return to the open sea.

The two seals were taken in by the Sea Life Centre at Ledaig, Oban, several weeks ago after being abandoned by their mothers when only a few days old (Kerry Gill writes). During their first two weeks they were fed minced herring, vitamin additives and antibiotics with a re-hydrating solution before being weaned with slivers of herring.

They were gradually encouraged to eat larger pieces of fish until they ready to be placed in a large outdoor pool to practice diving and hunting and slowly to lose their dependence on humans.

Next month, once their bond with humans has been sufficiently broken, Batman and Harve will be taken down to a secret cove and allowed to swim out to a seal colony near by — far from the public eye as well as from any fish farm to which they might be attracted.

Snowdonia tourist goldmine rejected

By Robin Young

An application to turn Clogau goldmine in Snowdonia — the mine that has traditionally supplied the gold for royal wedding rings — into a tourist attraction has been rejected.

A veto by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, on building a cable car up the mountain side at Bontddu, Gwynedd, providing parking for 200 cars, and running a railway into the mine effectively quashes the proposal.

Mr Bill Roberts, of Snowdonia Leisure, who planned to spend £2million developing the site on the Mawddach estuary, said the decision was "a black day for tourism".

The Countryside Commission in Wales, which asked the minister to call in the proposal, said the decision was "the most marvellous birthday present for the national parks' 40th birthday".

The decision comes after a five-day public inquiry in April. The development had been approved by the Snowdonia National Park planning committee which believed it was in keeping with the area and would provide much-needed employment. Mr John Tudor, the committee chairman, said yesterday it had been a difficult to strike a balance between the environment and jobs.

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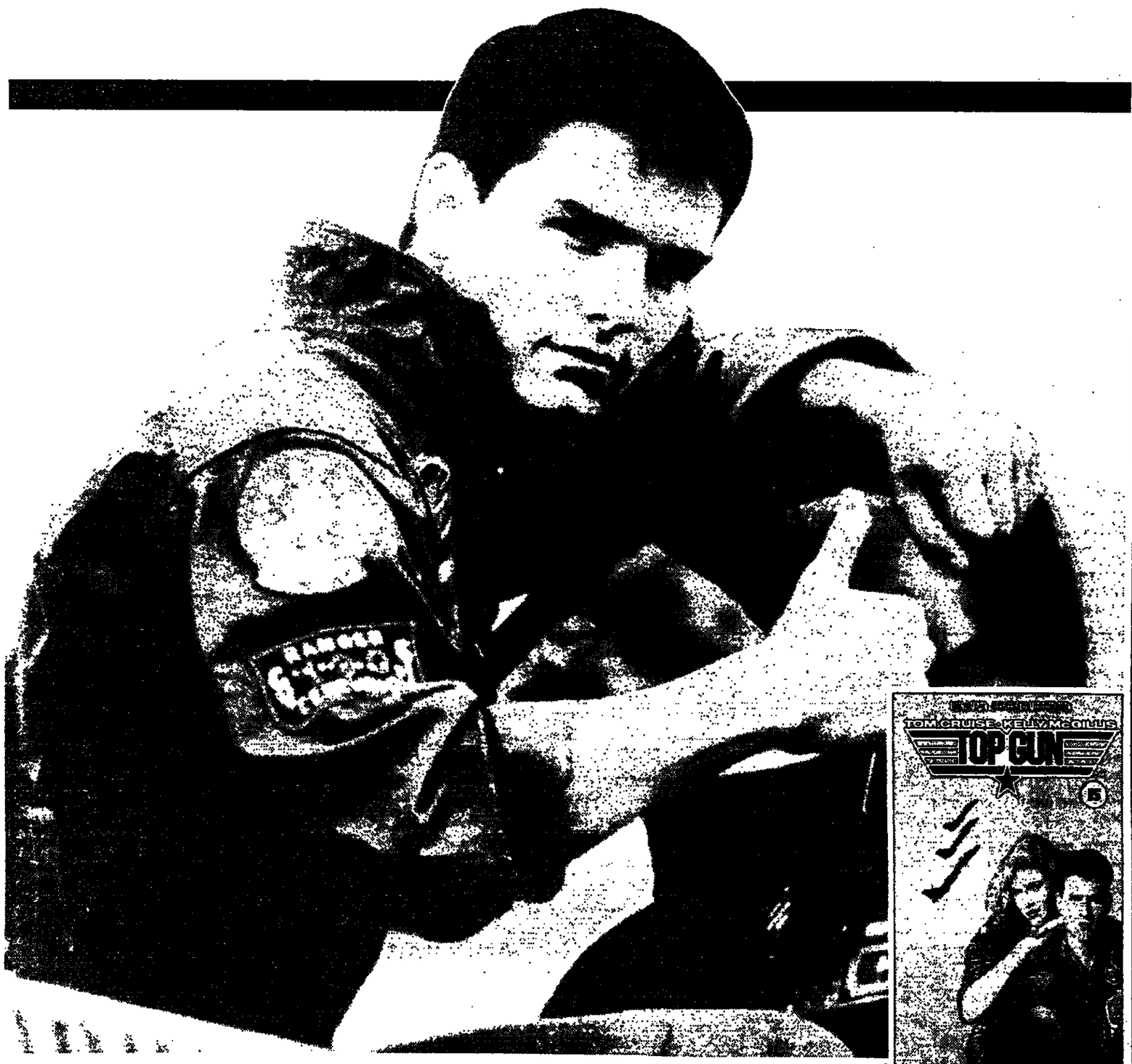

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WOOLWORTHS

Bravery awards

George Medal for Falklands veteran

By Andrew Pierce

A Falklands war veteran who was shot dead in a struggle with two armed robbers in March 1987 has been posthumously awarded the George Medal for gallantry.

A road safety officer who was shot and wounded but managed to detain two dangerous gunmen, and a constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary, have also received the award.

Mr Kevin Tomlinson, aged 26, from Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, who served as a gunner on HMS Yarmouth during the Falklands conflict, was attacked by two men armed with a sawn-off shotgun and a pick-axe handle during a bank robbery in the town.

Mr Tomlinson, a security officer with Sunderland Borough Council, ran after them. During a violent struggle, he was beaten before being shot in the head at point blank range. The gunmen escaped in a stolen car but were later arrested.

Mr Tomlinson died of gunshot wounds in hospital. He left a wife, Maria, and a daughter, Rebecca.

Mr Barry Smith, aged 46, a road safety officer, from Welling, Kent, gave chase in his van when he saw a £35,000 bank robbery.

In spite of being shot, he knocked one of the gunmen to the ground. A struggle broke out but Mr Smith managed to disarm them.

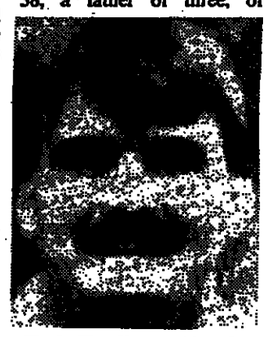
Mr Peter Midgley, a constable with the RUC, is awarded a George Medal for bravery.

A Queen's Gallantry Medal goes to Mr Lyndon Lloyd, a sub officer with Avon Fire Brigade, for bravery during a fire at the Shell Oil terminal at Avonmouth, Bristol.

Gas oil was being loaded into road tankers when a series of small explosions occurred and fire broke out.

Three oil tankers near the seat of the fire were in danger of igniting but Mr Smith, who had never driven a tanker, steered the vehicles to safety.

Queen's gallantry medals are awarded to police constables Derek Murphy, aged 31, and Kenton Owen, aged 38, a father of three, of Merseyside police. The officers were confronted by a man wielding a double-barrel shotgun who threatened to shoot, but he was eventually overpowered, charged and convicted of a number of serious crimes.



Kevin Tomlinson: Guard killed in bank robbery.

The Queen's Gallantry Medal is also awarded to a former paratrooper who grappled with an armed robber at a bank in Hove, Sussex.

Mr Terence Hawkins, aged 51, of Findon, West Sussex, disarmed the gunman with the help of a passer-by.

Mr Kenneth Clothier, a security officer, who was wounded in the leg in a struggle with the gunman, and his colleague, Mr Gordon Rogers, also receive the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

Order to curb fan

Gloria Hunniford, the television and radio presenter, yesterday won a second High Court order to stop a fan harrassing her.

In May, a judge ordered Mr Brian Jennison, aged 57, of Marlborough Gardens, Surbiton, Surrey, not to harrass, molest, annoy or speak to Miss Hunniford and not to go within 100 yards of her workplace or 500 yards of her home in Sevenoaks, Kent. Yesterday he avoided the threat of jail by agreeing to abide by the earlier order.

Mr Nicholas Francis, counsel for Mr Jennison, said his client was now offering apologies to Miss Hunniford. He was undergoing treatment and had not acted out of malice.

Path matting

Industrial matting may be laid on the most popular parts of the 250-mile Pennine Way, Britain's longest footpath, to stop soil erosion caused by hikers.

Small change

Mrs Alice Stanley, aged 93, has receiving a rates demand for 1p from Portsmouth council after a mistake in calculating her rebate.

Badge is back

Mrs Alison Wright, a thalidomide victim aged 27, who had her disabled driver's badge taken away because she was able to walk has had it restored by Sussex County Council social services department.

Blast injury

A lifeguard suffered minor injuries in an explosion caused by workmen pouring the wrong chemical into the filter system of a swimming pool at the St Ives Holiday Village in Cornwall.

New president

The Princess of Wales has agreed to become president of the National Meningitis Trust. It is based at Stroud, Gloucestershire, where an outbreak killed seven people.

Heavy choice

Mrs Ida Down, aged 65, who weighs over 17 stone, has been chosen as carnival queen mother at Bow, near Exeter, Devon, because organizers cannot find a carnival queen.

Arson hunt

Arsonists thought to be responsible for up to 10 fires at farms around Newton Tony on the Wiltshire-Hampshire border this week are being hunted by police.

Body found

Police are trying to identify the body of a man with a pony tail found in a shallow grave beside an old railway line at Cold Hesledon, Seaham, Co Durham. He had been strangled.

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Competition in self-governing hospitals may be cut

NHS employers act on local pay deals

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The first move to set up an employers' federation within the health service, which would negotiate pay rates for staff in self-governing hospitals, has been made by the National Association of Health Authorities.

The step could lead to reduced competition between self-governing hospitals and prevent inflationary pay spirals where there are local recruitment difficulties.

The association, which represents 300 district health authorities and family practitioner committees in England and Wales, initially plans to establish a pay information unit for all health authorities and self-governing hospitals, which could operate in a few months.

After the implementation of the White Paper in 1991 the association hopes to negotiate basic national pay rates and working conditions for staff in self-governing hospitals, an idea likely to be opposed by ministers. Under the White Paper self-governing hospitals will opt out of health authority control and be able to set their own pay rates.

The Government intended to promote competition and local independence by freeing these hospitals from paying rates agreed nationally by Whitley councils or the pay review bodies for nurses and doctors.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, has made clear that he would like to break down national pay bargaining and extend local flexibility throughout the health service. The association intends to sound out all hospitals which expressed interest in self-governing status on whether they would be keen to join an employers' federation. The plan will first be put to the organization's council at a meeting next month.

Apart from providing up-to-date pay and manpower information and negotiating basic rates the federation would provide legal assistance for industrial tribunals and advise on employment and health and safety law. Under similar schemes such as the Engineering Employers Federation, staff negotiate directly with the federation for minimum rates and conditions. They subsequently negotiate separately with their own management – with the federation providing advice – to try to improve that rate or secure better conditions. "Employers are buying the insurance of getting a certain amount of protection. We won't lead them foul of the law and we will handle any industrial tribunals," a spokesman for the federation said yesterday.

Employers buy certain amount of protection

The Local Authority Conditions of Service Advisory Board, which negotiates on behalf of local government employers, said: "There is a fraternity which recognizes the importance of not competing with each other. Local pay bargaining can lead to inflationary pay spirals with unions pitting one authority against another."

Mr Philip Hunt, the health authorities association director, emphasized yesterday that the proposal was still at an early stage and would depend on the response from self-governing hospitals, but initial soundings had been positive. The organization is preparing a submission to the Department of Health for financial help for the first stage in setting up a pay information unit. Although it may not agree to the grant the department could do little to stop the federation being established if it gained hospitals' support.

Mr Hunt argued that after the recent deal which allowed managers to pay administrative staff 30 per cent more than the basic rate and performance-related pay for managers, all hospitals and health authorities would need access to detailed pay information. The association has publicly supported the Government's plan to set up self-governing hospitals provided comprehensive local services are maintained.

100mph police chief rebuked

A police officer who was caught driving at more than 100 mph in another force's area will not be prosecuted, it was disclosed yesterday.

Traffic police in North Yorkshire booked Chief Supt Peter Metcalfe from Cleveland police for driving at 103-104 mph on the dual carriageway A19 on May 9.

The officer explained that he was road-testing the unmarked two-litre Vauxhall Cavalier GLI to see if his own crews should use it.

The Crown Prosecution Service decided not to prosecute the policeman because "it was not required in the public interest".

However, Supt Metcalfe, who runs the Cleveland Operations Section which includes the traffic division, was cautioned by his senior officer, Deputy Chief Constable Jack Ord.

Mr Ord said yesterday: "I personally strongly advised the officer that he was unwise to have conducted the test in the way that he did, even though at no time during the incident was there any risk to any other member of the public."

The Crown Prosecution Service recommends that forces test cars in their own areas. However, Mr Ord said: "We have no facilities in Cleveland for testing our vehicles other than on public roads. The tests we do carry out are always without risk to the public."

MPs seek canal water checks

By Andrew Pierce

A comprehensive water testing policy should be introduced to try to improve the quality of Britain's canal network, an all-party group of MPs recommended yesterday.

Canal water was largely satisfactory, comparing favourably with two rivers, according to the influential Commons environment committee.

However, the MPs say more work needs to be done to reassure canal users about the quality of inland waterways.

"We would wish to see at the very least regular bacteriological analysis together with a more systematic and reactive approach to water quality," the committee says.

The 11-man team of MPs published its findings after a detailed investigation into the operation and effectiveness of the British Waterways Board, which is responsible for 2,000 miles of navigable waterways. The committee expressed its concern that there had been a decline in water sampling in recent years.

The committee reported that the waterways board should continue to give high priority to the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment of canal systems.

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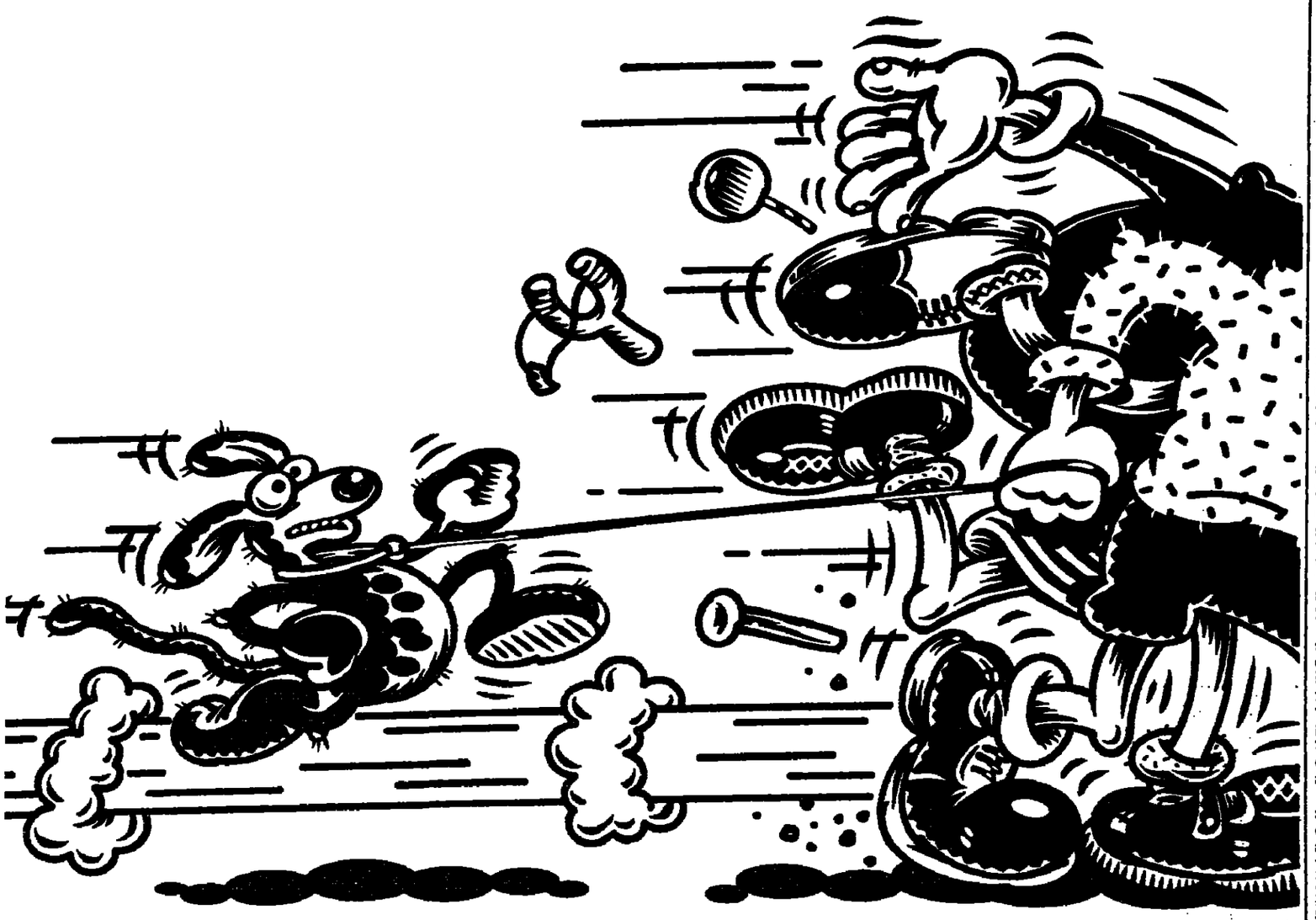

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WOOLWORTHS

Stable lad to be first black jockey

PETER LOMAS

Corey Roberts, a stable lad, wearing the red and white silks of Red Rose Racing for the first time. At the age of 17 he is to become Britain's first black jockey and yesterday he said: "This is like a dream come true."

Roberts, who started as a YTS trainee 18 months ago at the stables of Captain J H Wilson, expects to take to the turf for his first flat race within a month. It was Captain Wilson's daughter, the jockey Geraldine Rees, who noticed his courage and dedication to succeed even though Roberts knew little of horses when he joined the stables.

He was born in Birmingham in 1971, one of seven children, and was fostered at seven to a white family in Wallasey, one of the poorest parts of Merseyside. He said: "I owe everything to the Captain, Geraldine, and everyone at Red Rose Racing. I'm determined to prove to them I was worth taking on."

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Set-aside deal

Grassland to earn its owner £30,000

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

A farm that will earn its new owner close to £30,000 a year even if he does no more than occasionally trim the grass has been sold by Lord Sainsbury, chairman of the supermarket chain, a leading land agent disclosed yesterday.

Lord Sainsbury, one of Britain's richest men, put the farm up for sale three months ago. The property, Home Farm at Burkham, near Alton, Hampshire, was the first to come on the market which had been wholly "set aside" under a European Community (EC) scheme designed to curb surplus food production.

Lane Fox, the land agent, said contracts had been exchanged last week and would be completed soon. They were not yet authorised to reveal the identity of the buyer or the price paid. The guide price for the 367-acre farm and 20 acres of mixed woodland was £850,000.

The controversial set-aside scheme was launched in June of last year. Farmers who agree to take at least a fifth of their arable land out of crop production for five years are paid up to £80 an acre. The set-aside land has to be kept as grassland, planted with trees or used for specified non-agricultural purposes.

Defenders of the scheme say that it is needed to enable farmers to adjust to lower cereal production and prices. Critics contend that it does little to curb production and also diverts attention from the real cause of over-supply – the featherbedding of agriculture in the EC's protected market.

During the first year of the scheme, 1,820 farmers took some 140,000 acres out of production, roughly 1 per cent of Britain's farmland.

Applications for the second year of the scheme are still being submitted. The original deadline of July 31 was extended because of the slow take-up.

Although the set-aside terms appear attractive, participation in the scheme involves a good deal of administrative red tape and farmers have not rushed to take it up. In the EC as a whole, just over one million acres were taken out of production in the first year, mostly in West Germany (425,000 acres) and Italy (400,000 acres).

The European Commission estimates that EC cereal output was reduced by between one and two million tonnes during the first year of set-aside. This is a fairly modest outcome compared with a total EC production of around 160 million tonnes.

Brussels also claims that there is a net financial benefit to the EC budget of £44 for every acre set aside, the amount spent on payments to farmers being outweighed by the savings in market support.

In an effort to give the set-aside scheme in Britain a greater environmental thrust, the Countryside Commission announced last June that it was offering extra payments to farmers who used their set-aside land to restore traditional countryside features, such as hedgerows, and to improve wildlife habitats.

Anxiety to deny Syria diplomatic gains from any release of Westerners by Lebanon's Muslim kidnappers

Hezbollah refines tactics of terror in relentless Islamic crusade

From Christopher Walker
Nicosia

Mr Hussain Musawi, who founded the guerrilla wing of Hezbollah soon after Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982, admitted for the first time this week that the umbrella organization has links with the kidnappers of Western hostages.

His admission that "some of the organizations holding the hostages are known to us" was greeted with cynicism in many Western embassies, since Hezbollah (Party of God) is known to have been the main instigator of the abductions.

The Iranian-funded group uses *noms de guerre*, such as Islamic Jihad and the Revolutionary Justice Organization, and its roots go back to the dawning political consciousness of Lebanon's 1.2 million Shia Muslims and the radicalization of Shia Muslim youth as a result of Israel's disastrous invasion of 1982.

Until then Hezbollah had been an underground organization dedicated to exporting Iran's Islamic revolution. Its leadership was appointed personally by Ayatollah Khomeini. Financed with up to £1 million a month from the Iranian exchequer, it was a deadly blend of Islamic extremism and hard military training.

On top of this came the Muslim respect — some would say, love — for martyrdom, which spawned the suicide bombers. The killing of 241 US Marines and 58 French paratroops in October, 1983 was the sign that Hezbollah had become a military force to be reckoned with. The harshness of Israel's occupation of Lebanon quickly turned Shia Muslims, who had initially welcomed the Israelis as liberators from the domination of the Palestinian guerrillas, into formidable fighters.

The Iranian funds were effectively used not only to buy arms but also to finance a "hearts and minds" operation in three main areas of Lebanon: the southern slums of Beirut, the Bekaa and the economically deprived south, where clinics and schools were set up.

Although Hezbollah was a creation of Iran and was boosted by the arrival of 350 Iranian Revolutionary Guards in 1982, it found that Lebanese Shias were ready recruits.

Israeli officers accompanying journalists into Lebanon during the Israeli attack on Beirut and subsequent humiliating retreat back to the border admitted privately that Islamic suicide squads were much more difficult to deal with than the Palestinian terrorist groups which had been their main adversaries before the invasion.

"We have got to start training our soldiers to fight people who have no regard for their own lives and who actually seem to want to die," one English-born officer said at the time.

"These young people are told of the sensual pleasures of life after death to such an extent that they would prefer to die rather than live on Earth."

As yesterday's kamikaze lorry bomb attack against Israeli troops in southern Lebanon shows, Muslim extremists are still not short of recruits willing to carry out this sort of mission.

Nevertheless on February 10, 1984, Hezbollah showed that it had discovered a new weapon in its relentless war against Western secular values when Mr Frank Regier, aged 58, a professor at the American University of Beirut, was kidnapped in Lebanon.

The practice of hostage-taking in the Middle East has a history which goes back to the Crusades, and it was a tactic employed ruthlessly by both sides during Lebanon's civil war. Turning the tradition against Westerners, Hezbollah discovered that it had found a weapon which not only earned a great deal of international publicity, but also, and particularly in the case of France, was financially rewarding when large ransoms were paid.

Now that Hezbollah has learnt the efficacy of kidnapping and kamikaze bombing, few observers believe, even if the present hostage crisis is resolved, that the hard men of the organization will be willing to renounce these still effective tactics for ever.

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Britain plans airlift to Cyprus base for hostages when freed

From Our Own Correspondent, Nicosia

The British Government has laid elaborate contingency plans to evacuate the four British hostages being held in Lebanon by helicopter to a sovereign RAF base in Cyprus, if the latest diplomatic effort to resolve the hostage crisis yields results.

According to Western sources here, Britain is hoping to bring out its captives by air for an initial debriefing and medical treatment at the Princess Mary RAF Hospital in Cyprus, rather than allow the Syrian Government of President Assad to win diplomatic kudos by having them rescued by Damascus.

The British plan would depend on the hostages first being moved across Beirut's "green line" to an American helicopter pad in the Christian east of the city. The British realize that their scheme will work only if Syria plays a marginal role in securing any hostage release. Britain's assumption is that Iran will be the key player.

Discussions inside the Foreign Office about the rescue scheme have centred on the gain Syria — with whom Britain has no diplomatic ties — would make internationally if all the hostages were first to travel by road to Damascus, where there is only a small British interests section looked after by the Australian Embassy and staffed by two junior diplomats and a secretary.

Jerusalem — In an incident highlighting the tense atmosphere on the West Bank, the one-year-old son of a Jewish settler died yesterday from injuries received when his father mistakenly opened fire on an Israeli Army patrol.

A military spokesman at RAF Akrotiri, decreed as British territory when Cyprus won its independence in 1960, said yesterday: "We have contingency plans for a hostage release but we are not prepared to discuss them in public." An arrangement for a British TV crew to film some of the equipment had been cancelled.

It is understood that the plan, drawn up by the MoD, will involve the use of the RAF's 84 Helicopter Squadron, a team of four crews equipped with five Wessex Mk 5 helicopters whose main duties are air-sea rescue and casualty evacuation for the UN force based in Cyprus.

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Mrs al-Wazir, elected to the central committee of the PLO's main Fatah group, talking to Mr Arafat in Tunis yesterday.

Top PLO job given to widow

From Michael Theodoulou
Nicosia

The election of Mrs Intissar al-Wazir to the central committee of the PLO's main Fatah group will give hope to Palestinian women activists that they will have a significant role in a future Palestinian state.

Mrs al-Wazir is the first woman to reach the top ranks of PLO leadership, although her election is undoubtedly a mark of respect for her late husband, Khalil al-Wazir, better known by his *nom de guerre*, Abu Jihad (Father of the Holy War).

He founded Fatah with Mr Yassir Arafat more than 30 years ago and remained its military commander until an Israeli hit squad assassinated him last year in the belief that he had inspired and organized the *intifada*.

● NEW YORK: In a further attempt to win international recognition for its self-proclaimed state of Palestine, the PLO has applied to sign the four Geneva conventions on the laws of war.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Polish parties to meet Solidarity

Warsaw — Poland's small, previously docile parties yesterday decided to hold talks with Solidarity to explore the possibility of forming a government that would exclude the Communists. Such a government would be quite unprecedented in the Soviet bloc (Roger Boyes writes).

After a heated discussion in the leadership of the Peasants' Party, it was agreed to respond to an offer by Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity chairman, to work out possible forms for a non-Communist government. The smaller Democratic Party made a similar decision yesterday.

If the talks succeed it will send ripples throughout Eastern Europe. Although Hungary is paving the way for a multi-party system, and the Soviet parliament is developing a reform caucus within the Communist Party, no country has yet dared to push the Communists out of government.

Pirates kill refugees

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) — Pirates hacked to death more than 40 Vietnamese men and abducted women and children before sinking a refugee boat, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees office said yesterday.

Only 13 survivors, all men, had been rescued by fishermen and workers on an oil rig off Malaysia's north-eastern coast. UNHCR quoted the survivors of Saturday's attack, one of the worst reported this year, as saying the pirates had intercepted the boat carrying 84 people, including 15 women and 11 children, and towed it further out to sea. After robbing them and transferring the women and children to their two boats, the pirates started killing the men in the hold with sticks, iron rods and axes.

Jailed Chinese for hire

Brussels — A Belgian firm has offered to supply Western investors in China with cheap labour from jails (Our Correspondent writes). Volvo, the Swedish car maker, said yesterday it rejected an offer of workers from Chinese jails, put forward by the Belgian company Chinter. A spokesman for the Brussels firm said Volvo had misunderstood the proposal. His company would rent space in Volvo's factory in China, and supply prisoners, whom Volvo would train and pay a nominal salary. "But the reaction was so bad, we are considering dropping the scheme," he said.

Joint assault on algae

Rome — Italy and Yugoslavia have decided to join forces in fighting pollution and the plague of rotting algae that this summer, more than ever before, are threatening the ecological balance of the Adriatic (Paul Bompard writes). During talks in Venice this week between President Cossiga and President Drnovsek and their foreign ministers, the ill-health of the Adriatic, crucial to the tourist industries of both countries, rapidly emerged as of paramount importance. A joint task force will meet every two months.

Turkish inquiry plea

A group of Bulgarian intellectuals has asked President Zhivkov to investigate the circumstances in which tens of thousands of ethnic Turks have fled to Turkey in recent months (Our Foreign Staff writes). A copy of the appeal, which was telephoned to the Munich-based American radio station, Radio Free Europe, was passed to the BBC Bulgarian Service in London. The appeal claimed Bulgaria was becoming isolated internationally because of the exodus and expressed concern about emergency measures introduced to try to redress the loss of Turkish labour.

Bonn jobless total up

Bonn — East German refugees are adding to West Germany's unemployment problem, according to figures given yesterday by Frau Ursula Engelen-Kefer, vice-president of the Federal Labour Office (Ian Murray writes). She said that 25,000 of them were listed among the 1,972,504 unemployed in West Germany in July. The refugees lack the necessary training in the modern skills required by West German industry, although they have no language difficulties.

Rebel chief 'poisoned'

Islamabad (Reuter) — A 75-year-old guerrilla chieftain known as the Lion of Kandahar has died in south Afghanistan after being poisoned, rebels said yesterday. Haji Abdul Latif, who claimed the allegiance of several thousand Mujahidin fighters, died on Monday and was buried the following day. A spokesman for Mahaz-i-Milli Islami, the rebel group to which Latif belonged, said that his men had detained two bodyguards for questioning.

Soviet troop moves perplex Western monitors

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Western military intelligence efforts to keep track of the complex restructuring of the Soviet armed forces are being hampered by Moscow's decision to "shuffle" soldiers and equipment from some of the disbanded tank divisions in Eastern Europe into other front-line units, according to sources yesterday.

The clearest evidence of redeployment has been discovered this week by a US congressional delegation on a visit to military sites in East Germany and the Soviet Union. When shown troops in East Germany, they believed they were part of the six tank divisions to be withdrawn from Eastern Europe under President Gorbachov's unilateral cuts announced during a speech at the United Nations in December last year.

The Soviet leader said that the armed forces would be cut by 500,000, and that 50,000 troops and 10,000 tanks would be pulled out from Eastern Europe. But under persistent questioning by the Americans, Lieutenant-General Valery Fursin, the Chief of Staff of Soviet forces in East Germany, said that the Kremlin did not plan to remove all elements of the six tank divisions.

He added that weapons, including artillery and air-defence systems, would remain, and would be added to existing units in East Germany as part of the extensive military restructuring, intended to give Soviet forces a defensive character. The Americans were also told that the 69th Motorized Rifle Regiment, which they watched during an exercise, was one of several units which had been reassigned to a new command, rather than removed from the front line.

Mr Les Aspin, chairman of the House of Representatives armed forces committee and a member of the visiting delegation, said: "It is different than what we thought. What Gorbachov said at the UN was that six tank divisions would be withdrawn and disbanded. That is not what is going on."

Soviet officials said the 25th and 32nd Tank Divisions had already been withdrawn from East Germany and disbanded.

But senior US army officials in West Berlin described the new "non-offensive" divisions as a potent force. They also disputed the Soviet figures of the withdrawals already made.

But they emphasized that close monitoring of the restructuring was difficult as Moscow moved much of its equipment at night when rail lines were free of regular traffic.

"Doing it this way, along with restructuring, makes it very difficult to track the progress of it," Mr Aspin said.

However, despite the US concern and the problems posed for Western military intelligence missions, the reshuffling of personnel and armaments to other units was foreseen at the time of President Gorbachov's address at the UN, according to experts yesterday.

Contest over frozen embryos

Genetics riddle for US judge

From Nicholas Beeston, Maryville, Tennessee

Judge Dale Young today retires from the picturesque courthouse in this rural Tennessee town to consider the most contentious ruling of his life.

The amiable Southerner, whose jurisdiction covers the farming community of Blount County in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains, has undergone a crash course in genetic technology this week, an area of science where rapid advances have far outstripped medical ethics and the law.

"I know more about this subject than I ever wanted to," said the judge, with the hapless expression of someone who has no legal precedent to guide him and who knows that no decision he makes will be the right one.

The case began as a straightforward divorce settlement between a young couple who separated amicably and agreed on all property disposition; down to the family cat. Now they have turned it into a landmark issue over the custody of seven frozen embryos.

To Mrs Mary Sue Davis, aged 28, they are all that is left of a painful $50,000 (about £30,000) medical struggle to have a baby.

"I am the mother of the embryos," she testified on Tuesday.

"I consider them my children. The only person who has a right to them is me."

Last year a record 2,734 babies were born in the US through in vitro fertilization (IVF), the process whereby a woman's egg is removed from the womb and fertilized with sperm before the embryo is placed back in the uterus.

Mrs Davis has tried and failed to have children through IVF and she now believes her last chance of success remains in the laboratory at the East Tennessee Fertility Centre where the seven remaining embryos are being preserved at a temperature of about minus 190°C.

Her former husband, Mr Junior "JR" Davis, aged 30, a refrigeration technician, has contested her right of custody over the embryos because he no longer wishes to father her child. He argued that he would be "raped" of his reproductive rights if his former wife went through with the pregnancy.

"There is no way I want to put a child of mine in a single-parent home," he testified, recounting his own troubled childhood.

Mrs Davis, with increasing backing from anti-abortion groups, argued that the embryos are the start of life.

That argument appears to have been quashed by Mr John Robertson, a law professor at the University of Texas who helped draw up ethical guidelines for the American Fertility Society.

"The pre-embryo at this stage is not a legal subject," he said. "Because it represents potential life, it deserves a special respect above that accorded any other human tissue. But not the respect of a person."

Mrs Davis: Insisting on her rights as the mother.

Mrs Davis's lawyer still believes he has one ace remaining and has flown in Dr Jérome Loejune, a French geneticist who pioneered research into the cause of Downes Syndrome.

After hearing the geneticist's testimony this morning and lawyers' summaries, Judge Young will retire and is expected to make his ruling by the end of this month. Lawyers believe the case will go to the Supreme Court because there is no law or precedent to decide a case such as this.

Games boycott threatened over rebel cricket tour

From Robert Cockburn, Canberra

Some black African countries, angered by next January's rebel cricket tour to South Africa by a group of England players, are considering a boycott of the Commonwealth Games which begin on the same day in Auckland, New Zealand.

According to Mr Benjamin Mkapa, the Foreign Minister of Tanzania, the only real guarantee of the Games proceeding without disruption now lies in Britain not attending, voluntarily or otherwise.

At the close of the three-day conference of a committee of Commonwealth foreign ministers on sanctions against South Africa yesterday, Mr Mkapa said: "If Britain did not attend the Games, I think everyone else would be there."

He was speaking immediately after Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian Foreign Minister, the committee's chairman, closed proceedings with an expression of the delegates' confidence that the Games would go ahead.

Mr Mkapa said later: "No, I am not as confident. I don't know how confident (Mr Clark) is, incidentally. Certainly I do not rule out the possibility of boycotts. A number of African countries may not attend."

The Commonwealth Secretary-General, Mr Shridath Ramphal, said there was still real anger among the ministers over the rebel cricketers.

"Nobody is dewy-eyed," he said. "These are real problems that have arisen and very real anger that has been generated by what is seen as the selfishness, perhaps the naivety, a bit of greed, on the part of the players, jeopardizing other athletes."

Concern was shared by Mr Russell Marshall, the New Zealand Foreign Minister, who said Mrs Thatcher should now personally condemn the rebel cricketers.

"Mr Moynihan has been very outspoken," he said, but he added: "Sports ministers are important, but Prime Ministers even more so. If Mrs Thatcher would comment as Mr Hawke has done, I think the chances would be much stronger that there would be a full turnout at the Games."

Six leading Australian rugby players this week rejected offers to play on a rebel tour to South Africa after strong pressure from the Australian Government.

Mr Marshall said there were also mercenary reasons for wanting the Commonwealth Games to be widely supported. Without Britain, Canada and Australia, the loss of international television rights could well stop the Games on financial grounds.

In a final communiqué the foreign ministers' committee expressed fears of South African interference in the coming elections in Namibia. Mr Ramphal said: "If these elections go awry, all our expectations for Namibia really go up in smoke."

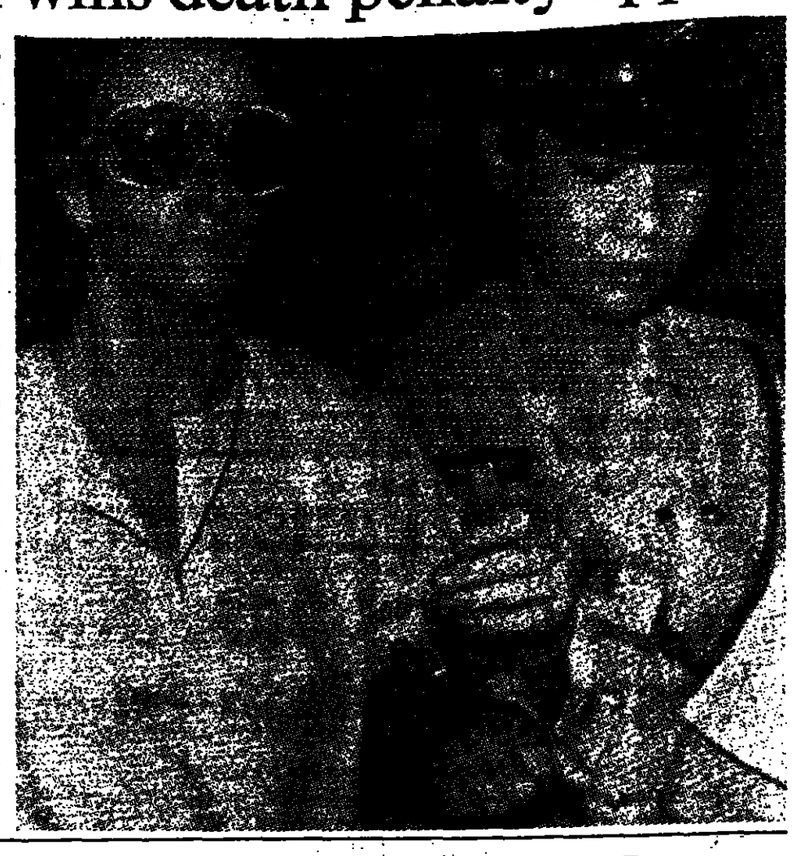
With less than three months to the elections in Namibia, the Commonwealth now says it is vital to send in an observer group to guarantee fair play. There is a fear that Namibia will continue to be threatened by South Africa before and after the November elections and independence next year.

The communiqué said: "The Committee concluded that the challenge facing Namibia in the post-electoral period both before and after independence would be daunting. Conditions were very uncertain and, even if as was to be hoped, the election process was free and fair, the success of the expression of the people's will could be frustrated by subsequent political and economic pressures from South Africa."

Commonwealth countries remain divided on the issue of sanctions against South Africa. The implementation of immediate and tougher trade sanctions, favoured by many black Commonwealth countries, is being opposed by Australia and Canada, which support wider use of financial sanctions first.

Mr Clark said that governments which rejected the use of sanctions would be specifically targeted by newly formed lobby groups.

Woman wins death penalty appeal



Lorraine Cohen, of New Zealand, leaving Kuala Lumpur Supreme Court in Malaysia yesterday escorted by prison officers. Cohen, who was sentenced to hang for drug trafficking, had her sentence commuted to life imprisonment yesterday. The five-judge court upheld her son's 20-year life imprisonment term.

Lord President Tan Sri Hamid Omar ruled that the High Court trying the case had failed to consider whether the drugs possessed by Cohen, aged 45, were for her own consumption (Reuter reports).

"In view of this, we have to give her the benefit of the doubt," he said.

"I am relieved ... it's a surprise," said Cohen, the first foreigner to appeal successfully against a death sentence under Malaysia's drug laws.

Cohen and her son, Aaron Shelton, aged 22, appealing against their 1987 convictions, remained composed throughout the hearing.

The Government lost an appeal to the Supreme Court to impose a death sentence on Shelton.

The pair were found guilty of heroin-trafficking by a High Court on the resort island of Penang. They were arrested in early 1985 as they were leaving the island.

Sanctions split benefits No.10

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Corespondent

The Commonwealth Foreign Ministers committee on sanctions against South Africa, which met in Canberra, is likely to have reduced rather than increased pressure on Mrs Thatcher to agree to tougher sanctions measures.

She will now go to the Heads of Government Conference in Kuala Lumpur in October with a chance of appearing less isolated than before, as the Canberra meeting showed divisions in the pro-sanctions lobby over the extent and timing (not the principle) of further sanctions.

When 45 Commonwealth nations met in 1987, Mrs Thatcher was the only leader to oppose additional sanctions against Pretoria. Against her wishes, the conference appointed a committee of eight foreign ministers to work out a sanctions strategy. From a Whitehall perspective, the committee appears to have scored a tactical own goal.

The eight agreed on the need to intensify sanctions but there were differences over how far these should go and whether the Commonwealth should act as a group or seek international support.

Despite denials, it appears that Canada and Australia had reservations about a report commissioned from Dr Joe Hanlon, an American researcher. Some think these reservations amount to a split.

The Hanlon plan seeks to halt foreign imports of South African minerals and agricultural and manufactured goods, impose an effective oil embargo, and intensify existing sanctions. Sources said the ministers agreed on the need to step up sanctions as a whole, but deferred a decision on trade to the Kuala Lumpur meeting.

Witness boosts Kenya murder theory

From A Correspondent, Nairobi

A witness on the first day of the inquest here into the death of Julie Ward, a Briton whose dismembered remains were found in a Kenyan game reserve last September, said yesterday that a pathologist had told him that her severed lower leg had been found set in a running position.

Mr Paul Weld-Dixon, a wildlife photographer and friend of Miss Ward, said the police pathologist at the mortuary, a day after the remains were found, had held them up and said: "The leg and jaw bone have been severed with a sharp instrument."

He had also said the leg had set in rigor mortis in the posture of someone running, with the forepart of the shin in line with the leg. A clean 4in. cut had been made on the calf.

"This makes it a case of murder," the pathologist had said. Yet when the autopsy report appeared the words "cleanly cut" had been crudely overtyped with the words "torn and cracked".

Early in the investigation, police claimed Miss Ward had been killed and eaten by wild animals. But her father, Mr John Ward, who has spent £25,000 and flown to Kenya several times to investigate his daughter's death, believes he has proof that she was murdered.

The inquest was told of a woman who had come to Kenya to photograph wildlife, had fallen in love with the country and had decided she wanted to settle there.

Yesterday Mr Ward arrived at the court carrying two heavy files containing the results of his inquiries.

Thatcher 'model for apartheid'

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

Mrs Thatcher may not yet be aware of it, but she has emerged as the unwitting champion of a scheme to partition South Africa into racially based states.

Her views on Europe are being hailed by the South African Conservative Party — politically somewhat to the right of her own — as an inspired vision applicable to the apartheid dilemma.

Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, who is the party's spokesman on economic affairs, explained the connection this week in the first public debate of the South African general election campaign.

"Partition brings prosperity, and nobody else but Mrs Thatcher tells us this," he said. "Let me read to you what she says about how to bring prosperity to Europe."

Mr Derby-Lewis quoted at length the Prime Minister's views on promoting co-operation between independent states, while preserving different traditions, parliamentary powers and national pride.

"It would be folly, she says, to try to fit them into some sort of identikit European personality.

"I say that if Mrs Thatcher believes that this can work in Europe, where they don't have the added complication of racial differences, then I don't see why it couldn't succeed in South Africa. Our party will see that this policy does succeed."

The Conservatives are unlikely to be given that opportunity, since the prevailing view is that the ruling National Party will be returned to power with a reduced majority in the election on September 6.

The more cautious Nationalist approach to constitutional reform was presented in vague terms by Mr Andre Fourie, who is standing for re-election in a southern Johannesburg suburb.

"We are committed to reform, but it must be orderly and pragmatic," he said.

"We stand for a democracy, in which there is no domination of one group by another ... what we have to reconcile in South Africa are the fears of the minorities and the aspirations of the majority."

How the National Party proposes to achieve this goal remains uncertain.

It rejects the Westminster style of parliamentary democracy, which would lead inevitably to black majority rule, and appears to be heading towards a more elaborate system of self-determination, which would safeguard white interests.

The recently formed Democratic Party, a coalition of liberal groups, is defending the moral high ground with proposals for universal franchise in a federal system.

Dr Zac de Beer, one of its three co-leaders, said that apartheid was largely to blame for the steady economic decline of South Africa.

Bus bomb kills 17

Chandigarh, India (AP, Reuter) — A powerful bomb hidden in a plastic lunch box exploded on a bus bound for Delhi, killing 17 people, including two children, and injuring 30 others, police said. There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the blast, which occurred in Haryana state near Karnal.

Delhi: An indefinite curfew was enforced on the northern Indian town of Jammu after suspected Sikh militants shot dead five cinemagoers and wounded seven more (AFP reports). The curfew followed fears of a Hindu backlash to the killings.

Rebel raid

Maputo (Reuter) — Renamo rebels killed 54 people and wounded 17 in southern Mozambique on Monday night, only hours before their leaders were due to open peace talks with Mozambican churchmen in Kenya, the semi-official daily *Noticias* reported.

Fiji pay rise

Suva (Reuter) — Fiji's economy, hit by recession after two coups in 1987, has improved beyond expectations, said Mr Josevata Kamikamica, the Finance Minister, ordering a 6 per cent rise for workers after a two-year pay freeze.

Cocaine haul

Mexico City (AFP) — The Mexican Navy seized more than two tonnes of pure cocaine on board a Panamanian flag freighter off Mexico's north-west coast.

Killer cassava

Lagos (Reuter) — Nigerians are dying of poisoning because new quick ways of cooking cassava, a staple for the poor, fail to remove cyanide from the root, state television said.

Floods chaos

Dhaka (Reuter) — The survivors of floods in north-east Bangladesh that have killed nearly 200 people face the threat of hunger and disease, said officials, who estimate that more than half a million citizens are stranded.

Poison murder

Kuala Lumpur (AFP) — Mr P. Ramuloo, aged 34, a top aide to a Malaysian MP, died after four unidentified men forced him to drink weed killer at Ipoh, 125 miles north of here.

Light planes

Wellington (AFP) — Air New Zealand has given its stewards three months to slim down and shape up or face disciplinary action as part of a multi-million-dollar image revamp, a spokesman said.

Fatal blow

Windhoek (Reuter) — A man accidentally shot himself dead while using his gun as a club to try to put an injured porcupine out of its misery after he ran it over, Namibian police said.

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Moment of triumph for Socialist leader mars Kaifu takeover

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Miss Takako Doi, the punchy and popular chairwoman of Japan's Socialist opposition, had another chance to thumb her nose at the floundering Liberal Democratic Party when she was elected Japan's first woman Prime Minister yesterday in a vote in the upper house. But the triumph was purely academic.

Her victory was quickly trumped by the constitutionally more powerful lower house, where the Liberal Democratic majority ensured that Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the party's chosen new front man, became Japan's third Prime Minister this year, though perhaps not its last.

In the event of the two chambers picking different nominees for Prime Minister, the decision of the lower house wins, according to Japan's Constitution. Although the loss to Miss Doi delayed rather than derailed Mr Kaifu's carefully orchestrated promotion, the embarrassment underlined the new political mood in Japan and how the Liberal Democratic Party — which has ruled for 34 years — can no longer rely on loyalties that once never required a second thought.

Miss Doi: Victory in upper house overruled by lower.

It was the first time in 41 years that the two chambers of Parliament had disagreed about who should run the country and the first time ever that a woman had got anywhere near the post, however briefly.

Miss Doi, whose charisma and plain talking helped to rob the party of its once secure upper house majority in elections last month, predicted: "Today is the beginning of the end for the LDP's monopoly control of politics. This, I believe, is certain. I will strive for the lower house to be dissolved for a general election at the earliest possible date."

More Japanese are listening to Miss Doi, though apparently not many in the Government and none among the menacing right-wing extremists who drove through Tokyo yesterday in noisy military trucks to observe what they call "Anti-Soviet Day" and demand the return by Moscow of four disputed islands in the Kurils, north of Japan.

Just how little the party has learnt from or bowed to the new breeze blowing through Japan was made clear when the Government picked its new ministerial line-up. Even before Mr Kaifu was formally named Prime Minister yesterday, the hand of his benefactor and predecessor-but-one, Mr Noboru Takeshita, was guiding the choice of the new Cabinet.

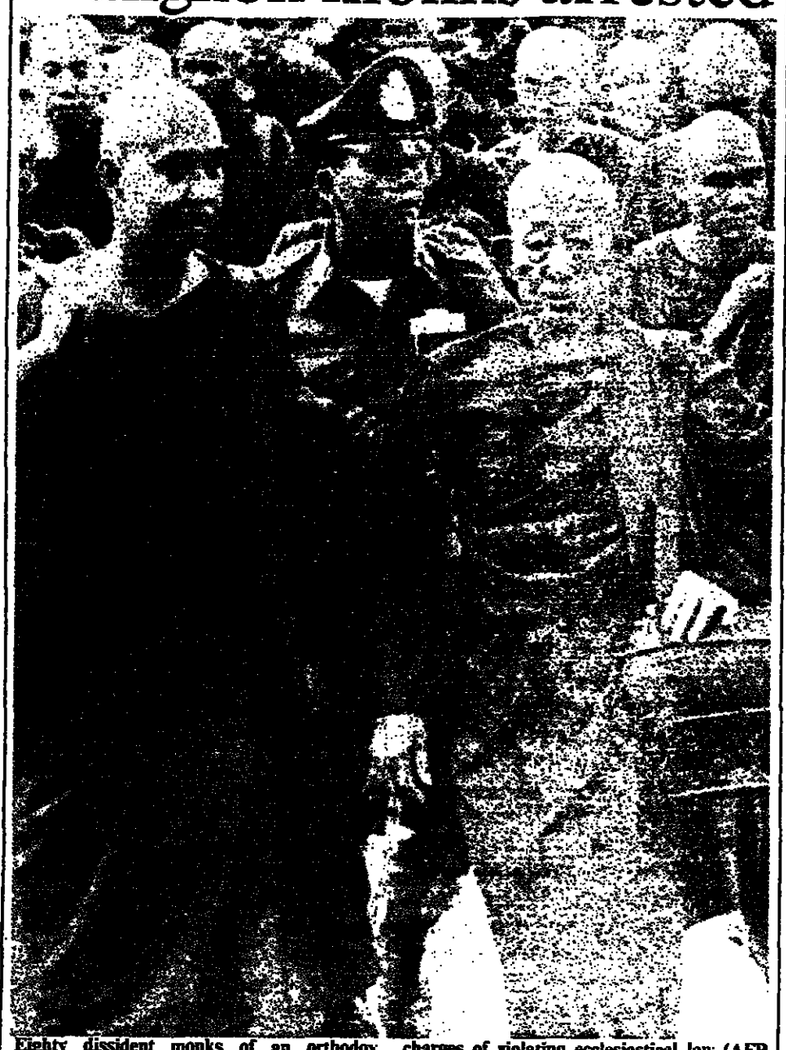
The ill-concealed meddling again fired speculation that Mr Kaifu, who is inexperienced and has little influence in the party, will serve as Prime Minister as long as Mr Takeshita finds it convenient.

The hand of Mr Takeshita, who has ruled Japan by remote control since being forced to resign in June over the Recruit bribery scandal, was clearly evident in the choice of the most senior party jobs. Although these posts are outside the Cabinet, their incumbents effectively shape government policy.

Mr Ichiro Ozawa, who is a former Home Affairs Minister and one of Mr Takeshita's closest aides, had already got to work as the Liberal Democratic Party's new Secretary-General yesterday morning. This guarantees Mr Takeshita a proxy at the party's most important policy-making meetings.

As a reward to the other two big party factions who joined Mr Takeshita in backing Mr Kaifu, Mr Shunjiro Karasawa, a former Posts and Telecommunications Minister, was picked as chairman of the party's decision-making Executive Council, while the outgoing Foreign Minister, Mr Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, was chosen to chair the Policy Affairs Research Council.

Bangkok monks arrested



Eighty dissident monks of an orthodox Buddhist sect, escorted by Thai police, leaving their religious centre in central Bangkok on Tuesday night to board buses taking them to a detention centre for questioning after refusing to stop wearing their saffron robes. Police later said they had released 26 of more than a hundred members of the sect arrested on charges of violating ecclesiastical law (AFP reports). A police spokesman said the 26 who had been released were genuine monks ordained under the Sangha Supreme Council's regulations. Phra Bodhirak, leader of the sect, who had ordained most of the dissident clerics, was arrested in June but released later on bail pending trial on similar charges.

Pacific 'offers' lure residents of Hong Kong

From Chris Pomery, Hong Kong

The *South China Morning Post* headlined its main front-page story yesterday: "South Pacific islands lure HK residents." An Australian businessman was offering Hong Kong residents special immigration status in New Caledonia, Tahiti and Fiji in exchange for a minimum investment of just under £50,000.

For Mr Horatio Cheung, the chief executive of Freedom of Movement and Right of Abode Ltd, Hong Kong's only non-profit-making emigration consultancy, the shiny offer is yet another piece of fallout from the massacre in Tiananmen Square.

He is not a little dubious about the offer, contained in a blurred fax message from a number in Queensland. "Before I can make a recommendation to my clients I must have an authority from the respective governments saying that they have authority to act for them," says Mr Cheung circumspectly. "There are so many crooks about these days."

Emigration is big business in Hong Kong. Never mind this free-market colony of 5.6 million people is the world's eleventh-largest trading partner and that its *per capita* income is second only to Japan in the fastest-growing region in the world. Private academic polls estimate that 40 per cent would leave, given the chance to secure a second passport before 1997, the date China resumes sovereignty of Hong Kong.

Last year some 50,000 left, mainly to Canada, Australia and the US. Most are higher income middle managers, often with young families. Few have yet returned with their new passports.

Since Tiananmen Square, ideas to rejuvenate or relocate Hong Kong have been coming thick and fast. The Adam Smith Institute suggested relocating Hong Kong in the north of Scotland. Others suggested northern Australia or the Andaman Islands in the Indian Ocean. A leading business magnate wants the United Nations to shift from New York and declare the territory a UN trust.

With the ideas have come other more distasteful propositions. A few days ago Mr Cheung received a letter from an Australian businessman offering to lease an island in the remote Pacific kingdom of Tonga to would-be emigrés. For £12,500 a year an investor could become a protected person under Tongan law. An additional £3,500 bought residency and a passport. Says Mr Cheung: "I'm not interested in this sort of deal. The island has no water or electricity."

Recent attempts to meet the Tongan scheme's promoter, a Mr Mike Prosser, were rudely repelled. "I'm sick and tired of being chased by journalists," said Mr Prosser before skipping an interview and flying back to Sydney.

"These schemes are just like making a bank deposit," concludes Mr Cheung. "But I have the feeling that when you want to transfer the money out there might be some difficulties. We were set up to help people in Hong Kong, not to help them get into trouble."

After Tiananmen repression, bourgeois liberalism lives on

China's youth relishes the American dream

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

In the heart of Peking, young people wolf-whistle and jump up to dance as a George Michael lookalike struts on stage in an intimate bar. Troops with submachine-guns still man key intersections and newspapers inveigh against Westernization, but in the Superstar bar, bourgeois liberalism is up and boogieing.

The United States may be the evil empire these days, but it is the American dream which inspired the decor here. Posters of the Golden Gate bridge and Marilyn Monroe hang next to the original rebel without a cause, James Dean. Young women dressed as if for Tokyo or Hong Kong nightclubs sit at candle-lit tables accompanied by men who do not try to compete in the fashion stakes.

The waitresses, one of whom is a first-year student working her way through college, are dressed in short, tight purple cocktail dresses and frilly white aprons. They ferry high-priced bottles of wine or cans of imported beer to the tables. Dancing has in the past been condemned as degenerate, and even now the dangerous combination of dancing and alcohol is almost unheard of. Most discos only serve soft drinks.

The evening starts off with tame "Karaoke" singing. This popular import from Japan consists of a member of the audience taking the microphone and singing along to taped backing music and a budget video. It is an unusual craze for both Japan and China, neither known for their extrovert individuals.

But at the Superstar bar, the appalling "Karaoke" is soon abandoned in favour of two young men who take the stage in turn, both with more panache and zeal than musical prowess.

One has shoulder-length hair and wears beaded denims. The other bears an uncanny resemblance to George Michael which he exploits to the full, running his hands through his hair, stroking his designer stubble, and resting his hand on his hip. Soon the dancing on stage has whipped the audience to their feet. There is no dance floor, but space is cleared in front of the bar, and when lookalike George tires, ditto Madonna takes his place on the video. This is not bourgeois liberalism for just anyone. The doorman collects a cover charge of 20 yuan. At over £3 this represents a substantial portion of an ordinary worker's monthly pay packet of about £25. But these are not the ordinary workers; they are the *nouveaux riches* who have made money in private business spawned by 10 years of economic reform.

Now, both they and the music to which they are listening are being roundly criticized in the national press. Mr Zhao Ziyang, the ousted Communist Party chief, has been accused of letting pop music get out of hand. And private traders are accused of earning unreasonably high amounts of money.

Most bars are privately run, and no one knows whether or not they will be shut down. So far, the authorities have closed only those which double as brothels.

Surprisingly the Superstar bar is a state-run joint venture with a Canton enterprise, and seems to be thriving.

Whatever their memories of June 4, when the Army shot its way bloodily into Peking to put an end to demonstrations calling for more freedom, these young people are displaying a kind of liberation tht should make China's leaders pause for thought.

How, after all, can heavy-handed political propaganda and the Communist Party of little imagination counter or control such spontaneity?

In fact one young woman suggested that bars could help the Government to keep the people off the streets.

"If there had been more places like this, people would not have had to go to Tiananmen Square in the evening for their entertainment," she said.

For the moment, demonstrations and government crackdowns are the last thing on anyone's mind. "Madonna" is singing, there is a beer on the table, and the beat goes on.

Hong Kong (AP) — Eighteen criminals were executed in the southern Chinese city of Canton yesterday, including a man from the nearby Portuguese enclave of Macao, the pro-Peking *New Evening Post* reported. The crimes committed by the condemned men included robbery, murder and rape, the newspaper reported. Two of those executed were policemen accused of smuggling. It appeared that the cases were not connected with the recent pro-democracy protests. China releases no figures on capital punishment, but more than 10,000 criminals are believed to have been executed since 1983, when an anti-crime drive was initiated.

Manila welcomes offer on US bases

From Vyvyan Tenorio, Manila

Singapore's offer last week to help the Philippines host US military bases in the region could have a significant impact on forthcoming negotiations over the future of bases in the Philippines.

Mr Raul Manglapus, the Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary, said this week that by making the offer "Singapore is saying the Philippines is no longer alone" in shouldering the political burden of having the bases.

"We are now going to have to act with a new set of realities," he said.

The offer comes at a time when President Aquino and her officials are to discuss the Government's position before negotiations begin on the Philippine-US bases agreement that expires in September, 1991.

Mrs Aquino has convened a National Security Council meeting for the first time since she created the council in 1986. Vice-President Salvador Laurel, who openly supports the retention of the bases, is due to attend.

No date has yet been set for negotiations to start between the US and the Philippines, but Mrs Aquino's visit to the US in November is expected to pave the way for the talks.

Mrs Aquino has maintained that she would "keep her options open" on the bases, but leading opponents are increasing pressure on her Government to take a definite stand.

Addressing the Singapore Parliament last Friday, the Minister of State, Mr George Yeo, said that Singapore was prepared to host some US military forces "to make it easier for the Philippines to continue to host the US bases there".

Singapore — and, to a lesser extent, Malaysia — are the only Asean countries that have openly supported a continued American military presence in the region. Asean consists of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Mr Manglapus said Singapore's move was in response to his public appeal to Asean countries in 1987 and 1988 to share the burden of hosting the bases in the region.

Manila (AP) — A former Prime Minister under Mr Ferdinand Marcos has agreed to testify against him in a United States court where the ousted President and his wife face charges of embezzling millions from the Philippine treasury, officials said yesterday. The Justice Secretary, Mr Sedfrey Ordonez, said the offer was made by Mr Cesar Virata, who served as Finance Minister and Prime Minister in the Marcos administration.

The Philippines has several US military installations, the biggest of which are Clark air base and Subic naval base. Opponents believe that the presence of US bases in the country poses a threat to the country's security in the event of an international conflict.

Mr Yeo conceded that Singapore's facilities could not possibly replace Clark and Subic in size and strategic location. It is widely said that the most Singapore could take in would be a couple of squadrons of fighters and possibly two warships. But the US could easily relocate the units in Japan.

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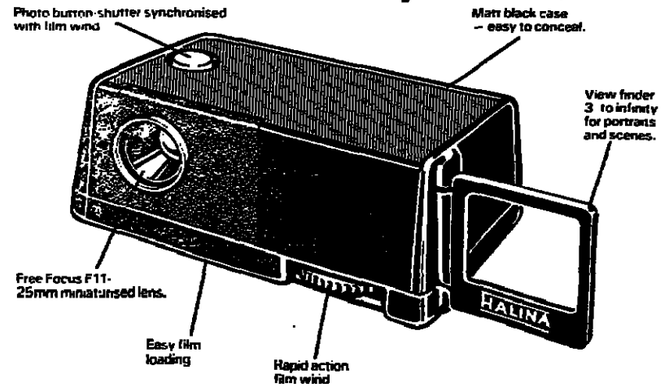

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Islam's unholy warrior

THE TIMES PROFILE

ALI AKBAR MOHTASHEMI

Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, who arose from the black-robed ranks of Iranian mullahs last week with a call for a new holy war against the United States, attracts strong feelings as easily as he incites them. "He wouldn't care whether he shot you in the back or the front" is the judgement of one former friend and colleague in a previous Iranian administration.

The godfather of Hezbollah – the "Party of God" militia – and now Iran's Interior Minister, Mohtashemi has been an outspoken critic of the newly elected president Rafsanjani's conciliatory gestures towards the West during the current hostage crisis. He has urged the Lebanese Hezbollah to attack US interests. "He's the kind of Muslim nationalist who sees a man on the Moon and is devastated by it because the man on the Moon is a Christian, the old Crusader enemy, whose civilization has outshone all the others," says a former senior official in the foreign ministry.

Apart from that, Mohtashemi believes in nothing very particular. He wants to be president, and, for a 43-year-old, he has made good progress. According to reliable information from Tehran, he has been offered the post of vice-president in the forthcoming Rafsanjani administration; but he appears to see greater long-term potential in holding on to the superior power base offered by his present role.

Mohtashemi, says one commentator close to the ruling clerical establishment, is not challenging Rafsanjani in his own right but sees himself merely as a mouthpiece of the Khomeini family, and particularly of Ahmad, the late Ayatollah's 49-year-old son, who cherishes the hope of one day succeeding his father in the supreme office of Guardian Theologian. Other than that, he has a scanty ideological programme.

At present, three vital departments of government are controlled by Ahmad Khomeini's protegés: the Interior Ministry, the Intelligence Ministry and the central newsroom of the state broadcasting conglomerate. Rafsanjani wants to wrest control of these departments from Ahmad. Hence the rude and rebarbative noises emanating from the Interior Ministry in recent days.

Ali Akbar Mohtashemi was born into a relatively affluent family in Tehran in 1946. After a few years of secondary education, he formed a friendship with Ahmad Khomeini, and went to Iraq to study theology when Ahmad decided to join his father in exile there. In the shrine city of Najaf, he became a pupil of the rebel Ayatollah. His heart, it is said, was not in theology – although, as one of the youngest students, his tasks included holding up the corners of Khomeini's clerical robe in the mosque as the teacher washed before prayers.

Even there in Najaf, the students were divided among themselves. One, Mohammad Montazeri, nicknamed "Ayatollah Ringo Starr" through his resemblance to the Beatle, was known as pro-Libyan, because he reputedly received money from Colonel Gadaffi's envoys. Mohtashemi and Ahmad Khomeini, on the other hand, were pro-Syrian. All of them travelled frequently to the Lebanon, where they received training in guerrilla warfare and sabotage in Fatah camps.

The group of Khomeiniists in Najaf in Iraq had its equivalent in the shrine city of Qom in Iran. Among the latter's leaders was Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani: he and Mohtashemi disliked one another because Rafsanjani, according to Mohtashemi, was "on the path of America". Mohtashemi now believes the comparatively moderate Rafsanjani to be the major obstacle to his political progress.

By all accounts, the students made an unlovable group. A number of them burnt down a crowded cinema in the city of Abadan at the height of the revolution, killing more than 400 people. Others forged university awards and called themselves doctors. Some, including a currently serving minister, undermined the commitment to a political hunger strike in Paris by being prosecuted for shoplifting.

During Khomeini's brief exile in Paris in 1978 and in the early months of the return to Iran, Mohtashemi helped to answer the telephone and fixed appointments, effectively controlling access to the ear of the Imam. His total loyalty meant that he could be entrusted with any secret.

He is believed to have been heavily involved in the storming of the American embassy in November 1979 – which resulted in the incarceration of 52 diplomats for 444 days. Over the next subsequent few years he continued to build his power base. Then, in 1982, a large sum of money allocated to assist poor Shias and Palestinians in Lebanon went missing (Mohtashemi likes to tell his audiences that the money had been given to Rafsanjani to distribute). Thought to be a better guardian of Iranian money, the militant Mohtashemi was sent to Damascus as ambassador on Khomeini's personal orders.

It was in Damascus that he strengthened Iranian influence on the region by transforming the existing disparate nuclei of Shia militants into the Hezbollah. The Iranian embassy in Damascus quickly became the nerve centre of anti-American and anti-Israeli operations in the Levant: the new age of Muslim kidnapping was born.

In 1984, Mohtashemi lost three fingers to a parcel bomb addressed personally to him. He immediately claimed that it was the work of Israel, but Shia opponents made more plausible candidates. He had trampled on too many toes.

An old acquaintance recalls: "He is a gregarious little man, warm and friendly, at least to your face. Though he wouldn't smoke opium himself, he often used to sit for hours around the charcoal to chat and laugh with his more powerful friends who did." This has not stopped his ministry sending more than 700 opium smugglers to the gallows this year, and a further 5,000 addicts to labour camps.

Now married and a father, Mohtashemi is not known to have any cultural hobbies. Indeed, the raising of any question regarding the cultural inclinations of most ruling mullahs in Tehran is likely to result in cries of derision. The cerebral game of chess was banned by them as likely to corrupt and although that restriction has now been lifted, art among the majority of ruling mullahs does not extend much beyond melodic recitation of the Koran. "Mohtashemi's way of relaxing," says the same acquaintance, "is to listen to gossip about power. He is a crusader for Islam, and he is also a barbarian. Wherever he ruled would become a cultural desert."

The prospects for his further advancement depend on the power struggle now unfolding in Tehran. Rafsanjani is desperately trying to wrest control of vital ministries and the news media from Mohtashemi's mentor, Ahmad Khomeini, and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the new nominal leader and Guardian Theologian. The outcome will not be clear until the Islamic *Majlis* (parliament) meets next week to consider Rafsanjani's administration. But most observers in Tehran expect that it will be a coalition government divided within itself and ultimately unable to end the present mess.

Most important of all, in the longer term, none of Iran's current or prospective leaders seems to realize that for as long as the country's population of 53 million grows at the present rate of almost four per cent a year – doubling in size every 18 years – they will have little chance of arresting its further impoverishment. The resulting political turmoil would certainly suit the ambitions of Ahmad Khomeini and his chief protegé, Ali Akbar Mohtashemi.

CHRONOLOGY

- **1946:** Born in Tehran
- **1970's:** Studies "intermediate theology" in Iran and Iraq. Receives military training in Palestinian camps in Lebanon
- **1978:** Flies to Paris with Khomeini when the latter is expelled by Iraq
- **1979:** Returns to Iran with Khomeini to overthrow monarchy. Involved in holding US diplomats hostage. Works in Khomeini's office
- **1982:** Appointed ambassador in Damascus. Sets up Hezbollah in Lebanon
- **1984:** Loses three fingers in parcel bomb. Blames Israel, but Shia opponents suspected
- **1985:** Is appointed Interior minister

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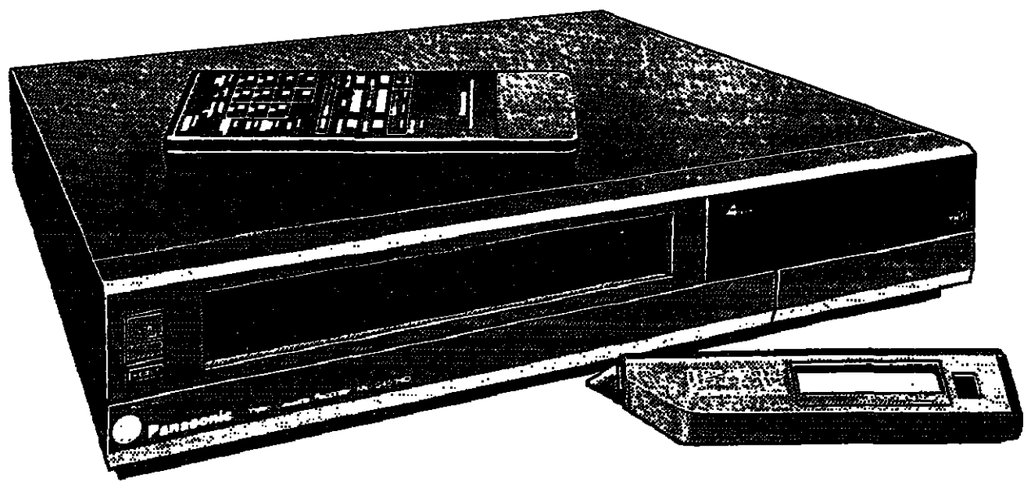

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Coining the right word

Asset-stripping? Certainly not! All the BAT bidders propose is a little, er . . .

Whether or not his takeover bid for BAT succeeds, Sir James Goldsmith has enriched the English lexicon. I hope that the lexicographers noted in their databases the picture in yesterday's blats of Goldsmith and his partners beaming lupinely to scare even Silly Red Riding Hood, beneath a banner with the cute device: The Case For Unbundling. "Unbundling", with its connotations of tidying up a mess, is so much more up-beat a word than "asset stripping".

The semantic scholiasts at Lowe Bell Financial Ltd, the firm that is handling the publicity for the Hoylake takeover bid, argue that unbundling is not the same as asset stripping at all, at all. Nick Miles comments: "Asset stripping, which happened mainly in the Fifties and Sixties, is when you take over a moribund company with the intention of closing it down, selling off its dead bones, and putting people out of work. Unbundling means that you intend to retain the core business, and spin off the rest, without anything being closed down."

Sir James Goldsmith, *inventor of unbundling* – retaining the core business and spinning off the rest

Goldsmith himself coined the word. They had been discussing how to describe their bid in a positive way. Disconglomeration gave the required meaning of breaking up a conglomerate, which has recently become a boo-word; but it was a mouthful. Goldsmith thought "disaggregate" sounded too surgical, and was not quite what he had in mind. At the last minute he came up with "unbundling", with its implication of coming in to tidy up a complex jumble of assets that are not being run properly, like a nanny tidying up after the children.

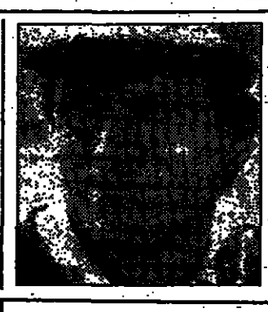
After sex and death, money is the richest source of euphemism in English. Even in a period when market forces are seen as the only engine for society, the money-makers still feel the need to put a noble label on their activities. Thus, the personnel manager's classic expression of the most difficult disclosure of all: "I'm afraid we're going to have to *let you go*."

Euphemism means literally "to speak well of". It is an old superstition that you make things better by speaking favourably of them. So, the ancient Greeks pacified the notorious Black Sea by calling it the Euxine, "friendly to travellers", and mollified the Furies by naming them the Eumenides, "the kindly ones". Euphemism is the use of a mild or vague expression as a substitute for blunt precision or disagreeable truth.

Dr Robert Burchfield, the editor of *A Supplement to the Oxford English Dictionary*, says: "Euphemism seems to be a necessary part of the machinery of language. The Anglo-Saxon for a lavatory was a *gang*, a going place. Euphemisms reflect social attitudes. Our Anglo-Saxon forefathers called a prostitute a 'sinner'. In the 16th century she became a courtesan, in the 18th century a *fille de joie*, in the 19th century a scarlet woman; and *today*, I understand, she *is* a call girl. Death has become our taboo. When Arthur Koestler committed suicide, he called it self-deliverance, and the term has been adopted officially by Exit."

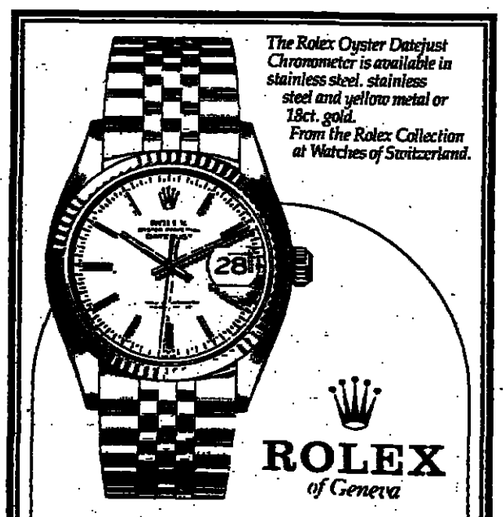
In language great and small, from the bathroom to the boardroom, it is worth unbundling the precise meaning behind the handsome words.

Philip Howard



TOMORROW

Alan Edwards is a gamekeeper. How does he feel about birds of prey? Spectrum looks at life and death on the moors



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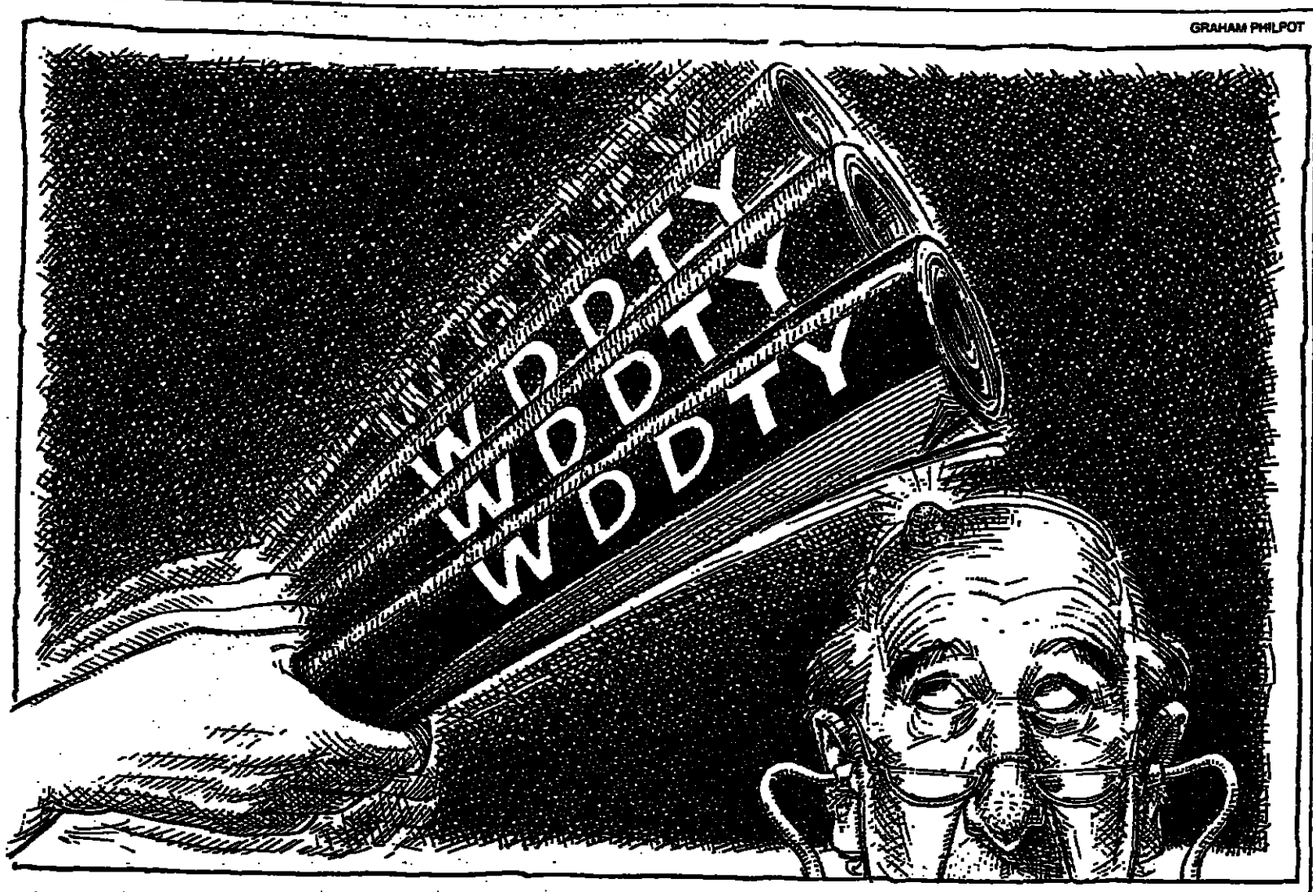

A voice in the silence

How important are the secrets kept by GPs? Victoria McKee meets the woman behind *What Doctors Don't Tell You*

Do we *really* want to know what the doctor doesn't tell us? Lynne McTaggart thinks so and she is launching a publication which promises to reveal all those irritating little things the GP has been keeping to himself, such as the potential side-effects of drugs.

McTaggart is the co-founder, editor and chief contributor to *What Doctors Don't Tell You*, which will wage war on "doctor-induced disease" — illnesses triggered by prescribed drugs.

She says: "We are not gunning for doctors and we are not an alternative medicine journal. We feel that the cure should be worth the side-effects, and that people have a right to as much knowledge as possible so they can make an informed decision."

McTaggart, an American journalist, was previously managing editor of the *Chicago Tribune-New York Times* Syndicate in New York and now lives in Britain. She feels her magazine is needed because people may be willing to lose their hair to achieve remission from cancer — but not to cure a headache.

"We will be exposing alternative therapists, too," she promises, recalling a visit to one who tried to high-pressure her into buying a trampoline during a massage while "trampling on me with his 15-stone frame".

She says she has " great admiration for British doctors because they don't have the whole 'monetary' thing of the American doctors. I was very impressed by the idealism of the junior hospital doctors. But they're being taught that vitamins and diet are not important and there is a pill for every ill. It is impossible for the average doctor, unless he has a computer, to understand how all these drugs can react and overlap. They can only trust the regulatory bodies."

She will make use of information from Ralph Nader's Health Research Group, which she describes as "a powerful lobbying group in Washington which has campaigned against unnecessary caesarians, swine 'flu vaccinations which caused temporary paralysis and many other issues." She says: "If we ever make any money out of this I'd like to use it as a lobbying body in Britain."

To that end, McTaggart says her journal will accept no advertising — "we have to remain pure" — and will depend solely upon its subscription fee: £19.95 for 12 issues now, as a special introductory offer, which may have to rise to £39.95 by the time the first official eight-page newsletter appears in the autumn.

"It all depends on how things go, and how many subscriptions we get. We've had 50 so far," McTaggart says, "but there were hundreds of inquiries from the Here's Health exhibiton where we launched it."

WDDTY is not without promotional gimmicks. Subscribers will receive a free copy of the *What Doctors Don't Tell You* guide to the side effects of drugs — a "ready reference guide" to fit into a Filofax.

The co-founder is Brian Hubbard, McTaggart's "significant other," as she puts it. It was Hubbard who said, 'Why don't you take your personal obsession and go public' after she had suffered a depressing bout with candida (thrush) and allergies drove her from one doctor to another in a quest which provided her with plenty of fuel for features.

One of the future stories puffed in the sample issue is "New tests for candida sufferers", together with "Alternative cancer therapies: what's really working?", "Why you should think twice about immunizing your child" and "Why to avoid ultrasound tests if you're pregnant" — which McTaggart, who is, has.

The sample leads on a report entitled "The breakthrough that backfired" and accuses doctors of overusing antibiotics "once reserved for life-threatening illnesses" because of an "unholy alliance" between doctor and patient that all illnesses can be treated with drugs. Antibiotics, the article goes on to say, can weaken the immune system, leaving the body open to candida, "gastro-intestinal or hormonal disorders, severe allergies, psoriasis or even multiple schlerosis". There is a subsidiary piece debunking the Retin-A treatment for wrinkles.

Caroline Richmond, the medical historian and journalist who is a founder of the Council Against Health Fraud (CAHF), which is dedicated to ferreting out fakes in the medical profession, dismisses the publication as a "scaremongering crusade" and says "my quackbusting detector is working overtime at the sound of this".

She questions the volunteer advisory panel of "top medics" — including the active-birth pioneer Michel Odent, the nutrionist Stephen Davies, John Mansfield — author of *The Migraine Revolution*, allergy specialists Jean Monro, "ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis) expert" Belinda Dawes, Leo Galland, author of *Superimmunity for Kids* and Patrick Kingsley who, the blurb says, "arrested half of his 2,000 cases of multiple sclerosis through diet".

"I am disturbed that so few of these so-called experts are working in the National Health Service," Richmond says. "Why are there so few real doctors?"

A fellow member of the CAHF — who asked not to be named because of the amount of "hate mail" he and the rest have been getting — adds: "I worry about anything that encourages people to reconsider immunization, or suggests avoiding something like ultrasound, which is safe and tested."

McTaggart has her answers. "Some of these people do have NHS practices and more people are joining the panel all the time," she says, "but I haven't gone looking for NHS or non-NHS people — I've looked for those who are excellent in their fields and are pioneers, who will contribute original research as well as blowing the whistle. Call them 'renowned renegades' if you like. And as for ultrasound, we *don't* know it is safe. It came into widespread use only in the 1970s and was meant for special cases. Now — like antibiotics and other drugs developed for the few and used for the many — it has become routine. It could be a timebomb ticking away for our children."

Is she worried about protests from the multi-billion pound drug industry which should find the new publication a bitter pill to swallow? "My first book was on baby selling in the United States, attacking six powerful lawyers," McTaggart says. "They didn't like what I'd written about them but they had to admit it was fair. Accuracy is a powerful weapon."

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Poison in sight

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Many of the shooting fraternity going north this week for the Glorious Twelfth will have included a three-ounce bottle of Gun Blue in their luggage. Although the gun barrel's initial blue sheen is achieved by the hot-tank process, minor damage to the surface can be repaired by swabbing the scratch with Gun Blue, a mixture of selenium, nitric acid and copper nitrate. The bottle, marked with a skull to denote poison, also carries a label which warns that Gun Blue could be fatal if swallowed.

A spokesman for Purdey, the gunmaker, says it has such a pungent, lingering smell that he would be amazed if it was used to commit murder, but a report in the *British Medical Journal* from Gravesend by Dr S Haider and Dr Danny Ruta suggests that, two years ago, they dealt with what may have been the first case of attempted murder using Gun Blue. They think that selenium, the mysterious element which is essential for life, and which may play an important role in the prevention of cancer and heart disease, but which is a deadly poison if taken in excess, was the ingredient which nearly killed their 46-year-old, previously fit patient.

This patient, who was divorced, moved in with his mistress, a widow. After some time, the patient began to experience repeated bouts of diarrhoea and vomiting, and he started to lose weight. The doctors at Gravesend noted that, as well as the abdominal symptoms, he always smelt of garlic, that his hair was dropping out and that the base of his nails had developed a purple hue. All the standard hospital tests proved negative. As his condition always improved when he was an inpatient but deteriorated on returning home, the doctors, despite the patient's protestations, suspected poisoning but tests for thallium and arsenic, two favourites of the amateur poisoner, were negative.

The patient, dissatisfied by the lack of a firm diagnosis, discharged himself, but reappeared three months later. He was now plump and cheerful, no longer smelt of garlic, had a fine head of hair and his nails were almost normal. He told Dr Ruta that his mistress finally abandoned him lying *in extremis* on his bed, too weak to stand, but that after two days with no food, and presumably no selenium, he started to recover spontaneously. He then discovered that he had not only lost his erstwhile lover to New Zealand, but several thousand pounds as well. The police would welcome an explanation from this woman of why she needed to buy so much Gun Blue, even though she had no gun, but nobody can find her. In retrospect, the doctors realized that all the patient's symptoms, particularly the garlic smell and nail colour, were characteristic of selenium poisoning.

Without selenium, a trace element found in the soil and present in red meat, chicken, wheat and vegetables, life is impossible. In some parts of China, where natural levels are very low, patients suffer from Keshans Disease, babies often die from heart disease and pregnant mothers perish from heart failure. In contrast, some residents of Dakota, where levels are exceptionally high, have recurrent abdominal symptoms. When levels are high, but not too high, as in north Norfolk, the population is noted for its longevity.

Professor Tony Diplock and Christopher Goldring at Guys Hospital are trying to unravel the mysteries of its action. It seems to play an essential role in a variety of enzyme systems and may be involved in the elimination of excess steroids, pollutants and other cancer-forming agents. It also has an antioxident role which may be cell protective.

The ideal daily dose seems to be about 150 micrograms, and up to 400 micrograms daily can be tolerated. Selenium tablets, available at most chemists, contain 100 micrograms.

Those interested in selenium can buy a booklet on the subject, *Selenium* ,written by Dr Eric Trimmer and published by Thorsens, which costs £2.

Flying high

The number of would-be British astronauts has been reduced from the 3,500 applications to 150 by a management selection team. The successful candidates are now attending the BUPA medical centre where their fitness is being assessed.

Dr James Witchalls, who is in charge of this stage of selection, says that pure physical strength is not as important as it was for the earlier spacemen. Britain's astronaut will not be required to walk on the moon, or to work outside the capsule — tasks which are physically demanding — but will need to be fit enough to keep up with the international team training at Star City outside Moscow.

The Soviets have stressed that they are not looking for a marathon winner or another Einstein but a healthy, intelligent person with an easy manner and a sense of humour who would remain unflustered by either press cameramen or inflight emergencies.

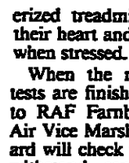
The organizers do not want the astronaut to drop out because of any disease which should have been diagnosed earlier so, at BUPA, the candidates undergo a comparatively routine battery of tests to assess the efficiency of their physical systems and general health. They will have to walk and run on a computerized treadmill to see how their heart and lungs perform when stressed.

When the medical centre tests are finished, they move to RAF Farnborough where Air Vice Marshal Peter Howard will check their ability to withstand centrifugal force, the effect of gravity changes and reaction to vibration and temperature variations. Despite the unusual nature of these tests, few are expected to fall at this hurdle.

The psychological assessment, carried out later by a team from Austin Knights, will be searching ones, and the survivors will return to Dr Witchalls for a series of more detailed medical examinations, including extensive X-rays

Finally, the Soviets insist, the male candidates will have to tolerate the considerable discomfort and embarrassment of a prostatic massage to exclude the risk of genital infection.

Breathing hard



In Scotland, the chance of children keeping their tonsils depends on where they live. The Scottish authorities have been so puzzled why the annual rate varies from 200 to 400 operations per hundred thousand of the population, and why the time on the waiting lists varies from two to eight months, that they have asked for an explanation. Some paediatricians and ear nose and throat surgeons are very ready to recommend tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy (Ts and As) while others feel the tonsils and adenoids are part of the body's infection-fighting system and should be preserved if possible.

All doctors agree that the operation is needed if chronically infected tonsils and adenoids are obstructing the nasal passages, causing recurrent ear infections, prompting recurrent tonsillitis or have caused an abscess.

Although Dr Barry Lewis, who looked after Princess Beatrice, is reluctant to remove tonsils and adenoids, he says the degree of airway obstruction which could occur with enlarged tonsils is sometimes underrated. They could be so large and cause such severe breathing difficulties that the stress placed on the heart could be recorded on an ECG. These cases obviously needed surgery. Dr Lewis usually treats younger children with antibiotics, but for the school-aged child he recommends surgery if they are having four or five attacks of tonsillitis a year.

If adenoids cause chronic ear infections or "Glue Ear", they need removing, but Dr Lewis does not recommend adenoidectomy just to stop snoring unless there is markedly irregular breathing. However he says the mouth breather who dribbles all day should have surgery to prevent permanent damage to the shape of his face.

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Roly-poly passions

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"I had a slight back — I don't mean in the sense of narrow which I certainly do not have, but a minor condition of the spine which comes to middle-aged men who used to be very active. Thirty years ago (I am now 55) I played games with manic determination and enthusiasm. I was never very good but in summer I played tennis on Saturday mornings, cricket in the afternoon and then tried to get another game of tennis in the evening. I could run about a mile and was very, very fit. I am not very fit now.

I won't do as much exercise as I should and although I enjoy walking, I don't enjoy doing it around London. In theory I walk on holidays, but the times when I should be striding over the Somerset or North Yorkshire moors I am generally to be found at the dining room table trying to write 1,000 words.

When I was asked on a BBC programme recently if I could choose just one book to read if I were depressed, I said I wouldn't read anything, I'd write. My idea of relaxation is writing, not that I want to give the impression I think it's easy, but that a change is as good as a cure. Writing keeps me sane in difficult times. Anyway, I could not think of an occasion when I have got depressed. I think I am by temperament unreasonably happy. I am not boasting this is a virtue because it is rather like people who feel no pain, they don't know they are bleeding to death.

I know I am slightly overweight today because I have just been weighed and I am nearly 15 stone. I should be nearer 14, so I am one of my periodic purges. I don't eat very much but I eat the wrong things like bread, biscuits and chocolate. I was brought up in fried-potato country and my favourite meal is bacon sandwiches and jam roly-poly with custard, so for a week or two I shall not have bacon sandwiches and jam roly-poly. Joe Ashton and I were reminiscing about the happiest memories of our childhood and both independently cited bread and dripping, so one Sunday evening I made us some dripping toast and it was awful. Terrible.

I think we all ought to keep as healthy as possible and although I don't do it very well, I do it a bit. The only reason I like chocolate is because it is love food. If you fell over and hurt yourself your mother would give you chocolate and life didn't seem quite so bad. When I was a child you were encouraged to eat a lot and even now when I go to see my mother she will say: 'Surely you are going to finish this pie.' It's a sign of genuine affection.

I drink, but never spirits, because I don't like the taste. I used to drink red wine almost exclusively, but now I drink white. I am not a wine buff; I can tell the difference between red and white but I can't tell the difference between one vintage and another, and I'm not even sure I could tell the difference between claret and burgundy.

On the subject of smoking I am very censorious. It doesn't seem to me to be a sane habit. I have never smoked, but if I had started I would have given it up 25 years ago when the American Medical Association discovered its risks. But frankly I think it is such an aesthetically repulsive habit that I can't give a rational opinion.

I like a lot of sleep but don't manage to get enough, usually only six or seven hours and as soon as I lie down I go zonk. If I went to bed earlier I would go zonk earlier. I don't dream nowadays but I used to have a stress dream once or twice a month for about 10 years. In it someone came up to me and said: 'By the way you have to take your finals all over again.'

I don't like criticism, but one of the few bits of good advice Harold Wilson ever gave me was never to get to the stage of not minding it because then you would become a zombie. I always hate it even when it is prejudiced and partial but you learn to live with it, like an awful disease that gives you constant pain. I have the professional Yorkshireman's answer: when the fast bowler hits you, you are not supposed to rub the sore place because you don't let him know you are hurt, you just have to grin and bear it.

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ALAN HAMILTON

Now that the first batch of cruise missiles has been trundled out of Greenham Common to be returned to the United States for ritual castration under the INF treaty, it occurs to me that the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament may also be suffering some loss of its old potency now that one of its objectives has been achieved. To counteract the possibly mistaken notion that the world is a safer place, CND has caught the prevailing wind and gone seriously green. A new campaign being disseminated from headquarters compares the "protection" nuclear weapons receive with that of endangered species, and calls for a spending switch from nuclear defence to cleaning up the planet.

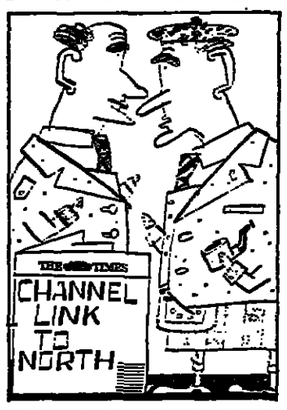
Meg Beresford, CND general secretary, tells me: "We want to reach people who have started from the point of changing their washing-up liquid and help them move on to questioning our national defence policies, which also endanger our environment." If I read the Gorbachov reforms correctly, one of the greatest contributions to peace in our time is that Soviet citizens can't *get* washing-up liquid.

More *glasnost* news. Anyone who knows Moscow will know the Ukraine Hotel, the Stalinist-Gothic nightmare of crenellations and spiky steeples that sits by the Moscow River near Kalinin Prospekt. It is not considered one of the better in a city of dreadful hotels, and is well known locally for its high cockroach population. It nevertheless features in the latest bit of capitalist marketing devised by the New York office of Aeroflot. By calling a toll-free number, intending travellers can avail themselves of the "Aeroflot Glasnost Business Traveller Special" which includes, among other blandishments, "complimentary chauffeured transfers between Moscow airport and the famous Ukraine Hotel". And there's more. "First-class passengers may select three complimentary nights at the Ukraine, or one complimentary night and an elegant Mont Blanc pen and pencil set." Bearing in mind the old joke about a second prize of *two* weeks in Moscow, I strongly advise the pen and pencil.

● Spotted on a swanky, burglar-proofed BMW in a London street: "This car alarmed by Mike Wells car stereo systems." So, I suspect, would I be.

What have Mae West, Marilyn Monroe, Humphrey Bogart and Clark Gable in common? Not, you might think, their unqualified support for contraceptives in the fight against Aids. But here they all are on a poster produced by the curiously-named British Wellness Council helping to promote National Condom Week (oh, didn't you know?) figuring in scenes from their most famous movies, with added speech bubbles of singular unsubtlety, such as: "Is that a condom in your pocket or are you just pleased to see me?" Still, I suppose the real dialogue was inappropriate to the purpose. "Frankly, my dear, I don't *give* a damn," would perhaps not be quite the thing for Rhett to be saying to Scarlett in the circumstances. I would not wish to demean a worthy campaign, but what strikes me about this quartet of Hollywood sex symbols is that they're all dead.

BARRY FANTONI



'You take the high road and I'll take the high speed train'

As the fifth Test opens at Trent Bridge today, we may take a little comfort from the fact that there are some sports, admittedly of a peripheral and vaguely lunatic variety, at which we *do* excel. By the skin of his fingertips Simon Nadin, a budding rock star of the non-musical kind, has succeeded in reaching the World Cup competition climbing event being held in Utah later this month. Nadin, a 24-year-old mountaineer from Buxton, has shot to prominence since Britain officially recognized the contests in which men and women of simian inclination see who can climb highest up an overhanging cliff without falling off. Nadin now leads the world championship, one point ahead of fellow Briton Jerry Moffatt. A lack of funds almost prevented him from competing, but his fame has preceded him and the competition organizer has generously provided his air fare. Well, it makes a change from sponsorship by lager.

Can the Army ever leave?

Dublin

I was in Derry on August 15, 1969, and in Belfast on August 16, just after the first deployment of British troops in Northern Ireland "in support of the civil power". I was part of a parliamentary delegation sent by the Irish Labour Party to make contacts with representative Catholics in the North and then to make representations to the British government — at that time Labour — having taken account of the views of the Catholics to whom we had talked.

It was taken for granted that our contacts in Northern Ireland would be exclusively with Catholics. That could have been rationalized by saying that it was the Catholic community that was, or had been, in danger in August 1969. But the reality was that it was with the Catholics that our party — like all other parties in the 97 per cent Catholic Republic — identified. The Catholics alone were "our people in the north". Blood was thicker than water. (I was already entertaining doubts about this pattern of identification but did not definitely dissociate myself from it until three years later, in a book called *States of Ireland*.)

So we went and talked to the Catholics. The Catholics were then embodied in "defence committees" in Derry and Belfast. They were not called Catholic defence committees, but that is what they were. We asked the defence committees what they would like us to say to our brothers in Harold Wilson's government. And the defence committees told us, clearly and with one voice, what they wanted: more British troops to protect them against their Protestant neighbours.

We conveyed that message to the British government. We also urged the abolition of the Northern Ireland parliament at Stormont — an issue which did not greatly interest the Catholics then. One thing that did interest them was an alternative instrument for their protection. And the instrument they found became the Provisional IRA.

It got going in 1970, with encouragement and assistance from two members of the then government of the Republic: Neil Blaney and Charles Haughey. Sums voted in 1969 for "the relief of distress in Northern Ireland" were used to buy arms for the Provisional IRA, which almost immediately turned them against the British troops deployed for the protection of the very same community which the Provisionals claimed to defend. The Provisionals also set themselves to break the fraternization which had originally prevailed between troops and Catholics. They succeeded in that, with help from some of the troops.

A "troops out" demonstration in Belfast on Tuesday night. But how would the Catholic protesters fare if they really went?

Today, as when they first arrived, the troops are helping to keep the peace. Their withdrawal, Conor Cruise O'Brien believes, could result in civil war

Should the Provisionals eventually get their way, and British troops start to withdraw, representative Catholics will implore them to stay, for the same reasons as representative Catholics called for their reinforcement in August 1969. And they will include some who incessantly complain about the behaviour of the troops and make it harder for them to carry out their tasks.

It is universally accepted that a majority of the population of Northern Ireland wants to stay in the United Kingdom. But it is not generally realized how large that majority is. If you include Catholics who would want the troops to stay, that majority makes up at least 90 per cent of the population.

It is true that those Catholics, in theory, do not want the troops to stay permanently: only until there is "an agreed solution". In practice, this is a distinction without a difference, since there is not going to be an agreed solution. Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland are in basic, permanent existential *disagreement*. Britain's refusal to accept that fact of life has been at the root of many of its troubles and failures.

It appears that the Catholics who want the troops to stay include some who are very close to the men who are trying to drive the troops out. This paradox was made known to me, during the internment period in the 1970s, by a friend who is a prominent member of the British Labour Party. He had been publicly calling for "troops out" and then I noticed that he suddenly seemed to have dropped this demand. When I asked him why, he told me of an experience he had had in Belfast.

He was an associate of a committee which supplied comforts to the internees. Most of the members, he told me, were mothers, wives or girlfriends of IRA men. At the close of one meeting, he asked those present whether they favoured pulling out the troops. They replied with a chorus of "No!". When he asked why, the answer was: "Sure we'd all be murdered."

They might not all be murdered, but some of them surely would be. If Britain were to withdraw its troops, the Protestants would set up a government for Northern Ireland. With the forces available to them — Ulster Defence Regiment, RUC, Protestant paramilitary — they might not control all the present Northern Ireland, but they would certainly dominate it east of the Bann. Within that area, however, there is the large Catholic enclave of West Belfast. The Protestant government would not allow that enclave to be a no-go area. It would send its forces in, and these would be resisted by the Provisional IRA, backed by the local population. Protestant paramilitary units would then wreak vengeance on Catholic civilians.

At this point, if not earlier, the forces of the Republic would enter Northern Ireland and occupy the border areas. In the wake of that, the Protestant assault on West Belfast might well attain near-genocidal proportions. The most likely political outcome of the struggle would be a smaller and entirely Protestant Northern Ireland.

It is in the interests of almost everyone in Ireland that Britain should not disengage. I think it is probably, though not so demonstrably, in Britain's interests also. But if Britain stays, what is its most promising — or least unpromising — approach?

I would advise simply governing the place, as efficiently and fairly as possible, without looking for those non-existent "agreed solutions". That approach has actually been tried, and it worked better than anything else has done, before or since, over the last 20 years. Roy Mason, who steadily followed that approach, became Northern Ireland Secretary in September 1976. The death tolls for the year in which Mason took office, and the following three, were: 1976, 297; 1977, 112; 1978, 81; 1979, 13 (the lowest since the Troubles began).

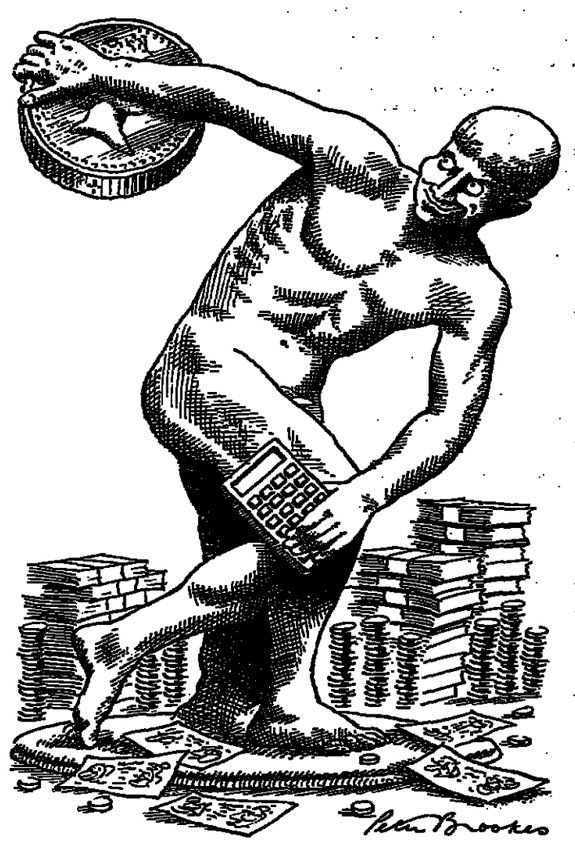
Then, towards the end of 1979, a new wave of searching for "agreed solutions" began when Mason's Conservative successor, Humphrey Atkins, proposed a "conference for political settlement". The death toll in the following year was 76, and 101 in the year after. The figure has never since fallen below 50. The lowest since Mason's day — 54 — was in 1985. The Anglo-Irish agreement was concluded in November of that year. In the two following years, the death toll rose from 61 to 93.

Pure coincidence? Possibly. All the same, those figures might suggest a degree of scepticism with regard to the efficacy of seeking "agreed solutions" as a way of reducing political violence. Mrs Thatcher may already have reached that conclusion. If so, I hope that she and her successors will stick to the Mason line. Every new initiative, and the disappointments that follow, stimulates the IRA, by conveying that the British are at their wits' end, and that withdrawal is around the corner.

If you have to stay, it is not a good idea to give the impression, through political fidgeting, that you may be about to go.

Bernard Levin sees the rebel cricket tourists as the catalyst for a blow against greed

When the gain is all that matters



It seems that if the English cricketers do, in the end, go to South Africa, the present threat of a widespread boycott of next year's Commonwealth Games will become a reality — to such an extent, it seems, that the Games may be cancelled entirely.

That is good news, very good news indeed, and if there is any way in which I can help, however modestly, to bring about the total ruin of the gathering — by, say, offending some, most or all of the participants in the argument — I shall be delighted. Let me, at any rate, try to do as much harm as possible in a thousand or two words.

First, you must understand, I do not propose to discuss the conduct of the cricketers, let alone to offer any moral judgement on their decision. Whether they do, or should, play in South Africa is an interesting and potentially significant question, but it is not my theme today. My words constitute an appeal to Heaven, begging whomever is in charge there to bring about, with the greatest possible dispatch, the end of *all* international sporting events, productive as they now are of nothing but cheating, drug-taking, money-grubbing, racial hatred, political statements, advertising, hooliganism, envy, litter, selfishness, vanity, corruption, intolerance, defamation, sexual excess, robbery, drunkenness and, from time to time, murder. (And if I were to dwell on the spectators as well I would need to construct an entirely new thesaurus of condemnation.)

Start with Wimbledon; ever since it went professional, there hasn't been a gentleman on the greensward, and for the last 15 years at least there hasn't been a single competitor who would know what a gentleman is. Hate, greed and viciousness hang over the place like a poison cloud, and so complete is the commercialism there that McEnroe's effing and blinding can never be punished by anything more than the flapping of an umpire's limp wrist, lest he should be offended and not return, thus endangering the profits.

I take McEnroe because he is the most egregious example, but the whole thing is so permeated with the stench of money that there is not the smallest chance of what used to be called sportsmanship (the very word now has a quaint ring to it, like gadzooks or prithee) entering into the thoughts of the participants; instead, they spend their time calculating how much they can make by endorsing the products of the sporting-goods manufacturers.

Cricket? Ever since the West Indians turned bowling into lethal chucking there has been nothing that could be described as a stroke: no, I am not old enough to have seen C.B. Fry or Ranji, but I saw Hammond in his prime, and for that matter Laker. Today they plod to the wicket, indistinguishable one from another (not least because of the armour they have to wear, for all the world as though they were the poltroons of American football), and plod back again, while the yobs throw beer-cans at one another. And it is the beer-cans — or, to be exact, the yobs — who now give the game its characteristic nature, while the players spend their time whining about the umpiring.

Of soccer it is hardly necessary to speak; the World Cup is a sink of mutual rage and loathing, and as for the followers who coat in drunken vomit the pavements of every European city, they are now given so much of the newspaper space after every game (game!) that it sometimes takes considerable assiduity to discover who won, let alone what the score was.

But it is in athletics that the ruin of sport by international contests has gone farthest. In the ancient Olympics, a competitor who broke the rules of training, or committed a foul, or indulged in bribery, would be sentenced to a flogging; if those rules prevailed today there would not be a back unscourged in the entire Olympic Village. (That poor devil of a Canadian who was stripped of his medal, hounded and ruined, because a drug test had proved positive, must be the last true sportsman alive, judged by his unwillingness to peach on the dozens, if not hundreds, of competitors whom he could have fingered.)

Even now, the modern Olympics are supposed to be entirely amateur, which is the biggest joke (or, depending on your taste, the most outrageous disgrace) in all sport; the entire Soviet team, for a start, are professionals, and most of the rest are calculating how much they can get by admitting that they are, too, the moment they step from the rostrum with — oh! the aptness of the symbolism — an ounce or two of gold.

Nor is the corruption confined to the participants and the spectators; look at what happens after every Olympiad, when the next Olympic city (nowadays the next but two, or even three, so far does the horizon of money stretch) is to be selected. The lure of a million visitors pouring money into hotels, shops, restaurants and souvenirs for a month on end is so powerful that there is no limit to the boasting, the lying, the unfulfillable promises, the hints of a cut for those who smooth the way, if only the prize can be landed.

(That reminds me: even chess, that pure and unspotted gift of God, has now been corrupted, with stupendous sums changing hands for the opportunity to stage the next World Championship. Well, at least chess is the one game in which it is impossible to cheat.)

And even that is not the worst. Let us return to those Commonwealth Games, now happily in jeopardy because of the players who are going to South Africa. If the boycott is effective, and the Auckland Games are ruined or abandoned, it will be because — come, Levin, you have never been accused of being mealy-mouthed yet, and this is not the time to start — some of the most squalid, corrupt and racist states in the world have willed it so.

Just look at the foretaste we have just had — the meeting, in Australia, of the representatives of eight states pledged to devise more powerful sanctions against South Africa in order to make it change its political system. Among the eight were Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Tanzania; the first has long been practising genocide against its minority tribe, the second is probably the most corrupt country in the entire world, and the third has cadged and wholly wasted more of the West's billions than any other dozen Third World countries combined. It is all too fitting that their colloquy should have been presided over by Mr Malcolm Fraser, who may be unique among prime ministers in once having been found in a somewhat downmarket inn without either his trousers or a convincing explanation of their absence.

And that was only the advance guard! Just think of the ocean of hypocrisy, enough to drown not just Auckland but the whole of New Zealand, that will pour out against the wicked British cricketers who are willing to sup with the devil, and their even wickeder rulers who will not even confiscate their passports. True, Sir Shridath Ramphal may puff himself up in self-righteousness so far that he will burst, which would alone make the whole business worth while, but it cannot, unfortunately, be counted on.

But one thing can be. It is that the cancellation of the Games will be a boon to mankind in general and sport in particular, if only because both will be spared the further degradation of the latter, as there come back from the Antipodes accounts of the cheating, drugging, fighting, boozing, whoring and general swinery that are now, alas, an inseparable concomitant to any substantial gathering of athletes.

If the fate of the cricket tour is still in the balance, I am willing to make the ultimate sacrifice and join it, if I can have an assurance that my participation will clinch the fate of the Games. I can't bat or bowl, but I am a first-class scorer. Who speaks?

Giving anger a decent break

CLEMENT FREUD

The Lyric Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue has seats that creak with age, a ramp so minimal as to cause each shift of a head to create a domino effect — a sort of minor Mexican wave — as the people behind move to adjust their sightlines; the acoustics also suffer from delusions of adequacy.

But if you want to see Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson in *Look Back in Anger*, there is not a lot you can do but go there, buy a ticket and take your chance. We got row F at the side behind a woman with a bouffant head. When the curtain went up the row behind us had half a dozen empty seats and we decided, if they remained unoccupied, to make a backward, sideways move in the interval. Returning from the bar (which is wholely admirable; could there perhaps be performances in the bar and drinks in the auditorium?), we found the seats on which we had our eye were taken, by a man with a startlingly red face, black moustache and hair and broadloom suit, with coat and hat and stick and bag neatly piled on the seat beside him. As the curtain went up he slumped a bit and fell quietly, decorously asleep.

Osborne wrote the play in 1956, the year of the Hungarian uprising. Bill Haley rocked around the clock, Brecht died, Arthur Miller married Marilyn Monroe, Israel captured the Sinai, Muffin the Mule transferred to ITV and the Astronomer Royal declared that the idea of space travel was "bilge".

1956 was when the King's Road, Chelsea, was winding itself up for the swinging decade to come. There was choice among fruit and vegetables; meat, derationed in 1952, was becoming plentiful, lamb's hearts were out, cream was back on the market and expresso coffee bars boomed. Around the world inventors tried to discover a secondary use for the trillion capsules of spent coffee disgorged by the machines.

I was running a nightclub on the upper floors of a theatre in Sloane Square and 1956 was a good year for me: Princess Margaret, then every nightclub owner's dream customer — the Di of her day — had been to my club to see Jonathan Miller and Rory McEwen in cabaret and, as a consequence, I was awash with people who came and asked: "Where did she sit?" "There," I would say, pointing to an empty table. Some evenings I had over 100 customers all sitting at the table where HRH had sat.

I was a bit involved in *Look Back in Anger*, for it hit the light of day on the stage beneath my establishment. A strange alliance of East End property developers, a Mancunian economist and noblemen had set up the English Stage Company, appointed George Devine as artistic director and sat back hoping for a mention in the honours list. They found John Osborne — a Modigliani figure affecting strange clothes with a high temper and less sense of fun than anyone I had met. Osborne had been an actor, previously a scene shifter at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith, for Charlie Drake and Anne Ziegler (I'm obliged to Derek Nimmo for this information; he was company manager).

Osborne's play *made* the Royal Court. Devine basked in critical acclaim and received a CBE — which escaped the property men — and none of the critics emulated the action of the man in the broadloom suit: the *New Statesman* called Jimmy Porter "a Wolverhampton Hamlet". *Punch* said that he drew "liberally on the language of the intestines" and Shulman in the *Evening Standard* ended his critique: "It aims at being a despairing cry but achieves only the stature of a self-pitying snivel."

On Tuesday, as the curtain came down — half an hour too late, as it always did — the broadloom man awoke and was out of the theatre before the actors came back for their first bow. Chance-medley, we met him in the pub whither my eldest daughter and I had gone for a drink. He nodded recognition. "A well-constructed play," he said after a while. I know not how he came to that conclusion but it is one with which I concur.

I always liked *Look Back in Anger*. *Waiting for Godot* had been a failure, attracting teetotal audiences who turned into pumpkins at 10.45 pm; also a single-interval production, which is death to the bar trade.

Osborne's play has two intervals; any playwright who cares for his audience and the well-being of the theatre's ancillary services could learn from him.

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TALK AND TERROR

Hezbollah proudly admitted yesterday its responsibility for the suicide bombing of an Israeli military convoy, illustrating yet again the contempt in which its leaders hold human life – their own, because in death they achieve "martyrdom", and that of the hostages they hold. It is a timely reminder to all Western governments who are aware that no bargain should be struck with terrorists but are once again tempted to "end" the agony of the hostages. The basis for a quid pro quo which would put an end to hostage-taking does not yet exist.

In principle this is universally accepted; in practice, the West German, French, Israeli and even US governments have entered the Middle East's bazaar in their understandable anxiety to rescue their nationals. Only Britain and Kuwait have stayed resolutely aloof. Some hostages, for a price, have been freed: the problem remains.

Since the Israeli kidnap of Sheikh Obeid and the announcement of Colonel Higgins' murder, pressures on President Bush to strike a deal by showing "flexibility" have been mounting. Voices from Tehran to Washington and the United Nations itself are suggesting that, as the UN's envoy, Mr Marrack Goulding, said earlier this week, "circumstances may be more conducive" than before to a resolution of the hostage crisis.

Even if true – and it is not the first wave of optimism to have rippled through this painful saga – that should not be taken to mean that now is the best time to pay up. There is never a good time.

Money is being asked. President Rafsanjani has offered, while promising "no guarantee" of results, to use Tehran's "influence" with Hezbollah on the hostages' behalf if the US first releases more than $1 billion of frozen Iranian assets. The Administration has publicly rejected the linkage and said payment would be tantamount to ransom. But senior officials have hinted that, after hostages were released, the US might be willing to address the issue.

The distinction is a fine one – too fine. The funds in question are the subject of legal procedures, in course since 1981, to adjudicate the claims of Iranian and American creditors, private and public. Justice should take its course.

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Prime Minister, administered the appropriate rebuke yesterday to Mr Rafsanjani, calling on Iran to use its influence "without posing conditions". Iran pays Hezbollah some $6.5 million a month; its Interior Minister, Mr Ali Akhbar Mohtashemi, was instrumental, as ambassador to Syria in the early 1980s, in providing it with the training, weapons and money to establish itself in Lebanon in the first place. Iran is responsible for the hostages' fate.

That does not mean that contacts should not be pursued and diplomatic pressures on Iran, in particular, intensified. Yesterday, President Bush declared that he was ready to talk if he could obtain "the release of an American hostage. . . without. . . putting others at risk". The West's only course is one of dialogue without concessions.

To offer rewards to the kidnappers, or to Iran which bankrolls them and Syria and Libya which have armed and sheltered them, would simply underline the fact that the West, always anxious to save innocent lives, operates at a disadvantage. It would convince Hezbollah and similar groups that hostages are valid tender. Mr Bush put it succinctly yesterday: "If you give the hostage-holder some reward for having held an American hostage, it's going to happen tomorrow."

To the moral argument that lawlessness should not be rewarded, should be added a pragmatic observation. Payment of Danegeld will have the result it has always had – encouraging the raiders to come back for more.

What then is the object of diplomacy? For dialogue to yield results, the partners require some similarity of perspective. So far, the hostages have been a problem for the West and an asset for Hezbollah and Iran. Until Iran – and the hostage-takers – are convinced that the hostages have become a problem for them too, Westerners will remain at risk.

If money is to talk, it must find a different language. Iran desperately needs foreign capital and expertise to rebuild its mismanaged and war-wrecked economy. Should it obtain the liberation of the hostages, rescind Ayatollah Khomeini's international murder contract against Mr Salman Rushdie, and abandon ambitions such as the extinction of Israel which are incompatible with international law, this would help it to qualify as a country with which business could reasonably be done.

Diplomacy without strings will take time. Western diplomats should not act as though under pressure. It is for Iran and Syria, capable respectively of bringing financial and military pressure to bear on Hezbollah, to present proof that they put better relations with the West before continued support for the politics of terror. To press that point home will require more patience, and more solidarity in refusing to barter than the West has, so far, evinced.

ALL AT SEA

There is a simple explanation for the refusal by the Tilbury port authority to allow the unloading yesterday of a small cargo of toxic chemical waste from Canada: the current fashion for everything "green". Indeed its chief executive, Mr John McNab, admitted as much when he put the decision down to "great public concern", and said there has been no suggestion of any specific risk to the public or to anybody else. It is a strange way to run a major port; and Mr McNab should give a rather better account of the way he has discharged his public duties in this affair.

Public opinion knows little of polychlorinated byphenal (PCB) except what it has been told by militant groups like Greenpeace. This organization has embarked on a campaign against the importing of chemical waste and can, therefore, be relied upon to turn every shipment into a confrontation, thus providing evidence of "great public concern" for the likes of Mr McNab to act on. It is to be hoped that public opinion will soon become rather more discriminating.

In this case Greenpeace at first wrongly identified the destination of the cargo as Pontypool in Wales. It cited local opposition to the chemical waste plant in that locality as part of its case. But it seems not to matter to the Tilbury authorities whether the "great public concern" it claims to detect is based on accurate information or not.

The processing of chemical waste is a legitimate business, and it is one in which British companies have acquired a technical and commercial edge in international competition. What is waste to everyone else is therefore raw material to them, the basic stuff they need to run their business. Most of it is generated by the domestic chemical industry, but a foreign chemical company which wants its toxic waste disposed of in the best and safest way may very likely send it to Britain.

PCB is itself fairly hazardous, but this is not the main reason why it has become controversial. The greatest danger arises from the disposal process, which, if it goes wrong, can lead to the production of an extremely dangerous by-product called dioxin. Any proper public concern should attach not to the shipment of PCB by sea, or its unloading or subsequent transportation by road or rail, but to its chemical treatment when it reaches its destination – and that only because of the possibility of it going wrong. Yet the Tilbury authorities have reacted as if dioxin was itself the cargo.

The logic of Greenpeace's position, therefore – and of Mr McNab's too – is that each country with a chemical industry should have to build its own chemical waste disposal plant. It is not clear why Greenpeace thinks such proliferation, with all the consequent increased risk of a technical failure, would make the planet a safer place.

It is right that there should be public concern about the chemical waste industry, and that its processes should be carefully monitored by Government agencies, according to statutory regulations, to ensure safety. If those processes are to be banned as dangerous after due investigation, this is a job for Parliament. It is not within the competence or expertise of a harbour master.

MR MACGREGOR'S STANDARD

Less than three weeks into his new job as Secretary of State for Education, Mr John MacGregor has revived two concepts which seemed threatened with extinction: end-of-course examinations and the possibility of failing them. This bucking of recent educational trends may complicate his relations with the teachers and advisers who make up part of his new constituency, but it should endear him to parents and employers whose support will be no less valuable.

Some will say that Mr MacGregor's choice of the GCSE as his first target only a year after its introduction is mistaken. They will argue that it should have been given a chance to justify itself. Critics of the new qualification are already so numerous, however, and the doubts it has aroused about standards are so disturbing, that he has been wise – as well as brave – to tackle its evident shortcomings before they are built into the system.

In reinstating the notion of failure, the Education Secretary has rejected the advice of the Schools Examination and Assessment Council which argued that certificates should be issued to every pupil who completed the GCSE course – even if they only attained the level of less than able seven-year-olds. The idea was that no child should leave school without some evidence of achievement and that no child should be discouraged by being regarded, or regarding himself, as a failure.

The evidence from schools, however, as from life, is that such good intentions deceive few. Mutual appraisal among pupils is more honest and more ruthless than their teachers and educational theorists may choose to admit. Those who are deceived, moreover, will often be precisely those least able to cope with the realization of failure later on.

Even under the revised system, no pupil will leave school without evidence of attainment; Records of Achievement will provide that. But school-leavers will be deprived of a GCSE certificate if they have not made the grade. This should not be a cause for complaint.

Mr MacGregor's insistence on a formal GCSE examination of some description may meet greater resistance. Critics of examinations argue that some pupils are unfairly penalized by their nervousness. Others say that some bright pupils perform better in an examination than their application to coursework would indicate and that their education benefits from the more consistent approach required by continual assessment.

End-of-course examinations, however, test skills which are different from those assessed in course-work, skills which are very much part of life after school. An ability to solve specific problems at speed is something which can justifiably be tested. The new Secretary of State is right to insist that some minimum examination element should be retained.

That Mr MacGregor has clarified his position on the much-criticized GCSE so early in his tenure at Education augurs well for his future in an office for which few had tipped him. It suggests that he is less worried about fashion than he is about standards; that he will heed the voice of common sense over the voice of professional advisers, if the two conflict; and that he will express himself in language that is readily understood. That is no mean start.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Case of Tamil asylum-seekers

From the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Home Office

Sir, May I set the record straight on the Home Office's handling of the cases of five Tamil political asylum-seekers referred to by Mrs Antonia Hunt (August 7).

These five were refused political asylum in September, 1987. They sought judicial review and their cases were examined in the Divisional Court, the Court of Appeal, and the House of Lords, which upheld the Home Secretary's decision. Throughout this time they were allowed to remain in the United Kingdom, as has been the case with all asylum-seekers who have obtained leave for judicial review.

In February, 1988, when their remedies within the United Kingdom were exhausted, the five were returned to Sri Lanka. Once out of the country they had access to a further set of legal remedies through the immigration appeals system. Their application was upheld at the first stage – the single adjudicator.

Because the Home Office disagreed with this decision, which was at odds with the view taken by the House of Lords, it sought to challenge it at the next stage – the tribunal. However, a clerical error was made in serving the papers, and as a result the tribunal concluded that it could not consider the substance of the case.

The Home Office sought judicial review of this jurisdictional point, but was unsuccessful and it sought a stay order while considering whether to appeal further. It seems entirely reasonable that the status quo should have been maintained, bearing in mind that it followed consideration by the highest court in the country, while there is a possibility of a substantive hearing of the cases by the tribunal.

As it is, the Home Secretary has now authorised visas to be issued to allow the five to return to the United Kingdom where their applications will be considered afresh.

Yours etc.,
PETER LLOYD,
Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
August 9.

Schools TV

From Professor John Eggleston

Sir, Jack Straw, in his "An SOS for Blue Peter" (article, July 31) is rightly concerned about the probable decline in the number and standard of good children's programmes if the broadcasting White Paper proceeds unamended. But his concern should extend to schools broadcasting too.

Currently both BBC and ITV generate outstanding, award-winning programmes that are used enthusiastically in schools and homes. Under the new proposals there will be only the most slender incentives for the new independent companies to continue them, and without ITV stimulus the BBC incentive may well diminish.

May Jack Straw's skilful parliamentary draftsmen be able to rectify these deficiencies too and ensure that the Government's avowed good intentions are effectively implemented.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EGGLESTON (Chairman, Central Television Education Committee),
University of Warwick,
Department of Education,
Coventry,
West Midlands.
August 1.

Teachers' pay

From Dr Nigel Beasley

Sir, Your report of an interview with the new Education Secretary (August 2) quoted Mr MacGregor as saying, "I am very glad that it (teachers' pay) now rewards excellence and responsibility".

I have recently been informed by my local education authority that it "has taken a policy decision, following consultation with the teachers' professional associations, only to use one of those criteria, additional responsibility, as the basis for the award of an incentive allowance".

Excellence goes unrewarded despite the assertions of both the new and previous Education Secretaries. State education is in a sorry state when one of the aims of the pay award to secure motivational and recruitment benefits is not upheld by the teachers' associations. It would be of interest to know how many education authorities have made a similar decision.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL BEASLEY,
13 Badgers Croft,
Eccleshall,
Staffordshire.
August 3.

Jobs and life-style, north and south

From Mr S. C. Procter

Sir, Mr Fowler, Employment Secretary, refers (report, August 3) to the higher quality of life in the North than in the South-east when he reports the latest moves of Civil Service jobs to the North. It is also reported that 12,000 Civil Service jobs have been moved to the North since Mrs Thatcher came to power.

That seems to suggest that this is a far-seeing Government which has at last recognised that affluence in the South-east has severely diminished the quality of life. However it is this Government's policy of boosting the economy in the South-east, contrary to the advice in the report of the Barlow commission of the 1940s, which has created that reduction in the quality of life. The Barlow commission warned of the consequences of congestion in the South-east and argued for development in other regions.

This is something which chief planning officers of the shire district councils have been trying to get across for years without success because of Government attitudes.

Recently the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute wrote to the Prime Minister and suggested that it would be appropriate to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the presentation of the Barlow report to Parliament by setting up a modern equivalent of the Barlow commission, and sought a meeting to discuss the subject. This was declined on the basis that entrepreneurial activity and resources of the private sector are more important than land use planning.

This attitude is contrary to the aims of town and country planning which is intended to guide development in a rational way in the interests of the public and the environment whilst having full regard to economic interests. The report of the Barlow commission was accepted by Government for the purposes of land use planning in the 1940s but its principles were largely abandoned in the 1960s and reversed, so far as the South-east is concerned, in the 1980s.

The vacation of the Government offices in London will not help to improve the quality of life in the South-east unless they are not reoccupied as offices or any other employment-creating activity. Indeed the amount of office accommodation in existing planning permissions yet to be implemented, amounting to many millions of square feet, is going to reduce the quality of life even further.

Yours faithfully,
STAN PROCTER
(Former President, District Planning Officers' Society),
8 Shelvers Way,
Tadworth, Surrey.
August 3.

From Sir William Lithgow

Sir, Mr Knapp failed the Union (of 1707). Had he persevered, the railway stoppages would surely have brought home the social, economic and political folly of huge daily migrations – of centralisation.

Centralisation has deprived too much of Britain of talent and wealth, congesting the South-east, with London a great, bulging, overheated wen; interest rates bleeding the whole country will not deflate it.

Geographical concentration of expenditure for decision-makers and their supporting services is a hidden tax on us all. Study suggests that the pursuit of power, not efficiency, is centralisation's centripetal force; structural inflation and unemployment are its natural consequence for the United Kingdom.

Many Scots, some amongst the 2,500 or so who go each day to London in search of decisions, now question the relevance of the Act of Union; within the European Community opportunities lie in keeping overheads at home and flying further east. Nationalism divides, where patriotism unites.

Why wait for the country to become more polarised, or London to seize up, when a revolution (in communications) allows the running of international businesses from pleasant surroundings, and commuting to be a walk with the dog?

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM LITHGOW,
PO Box 7,
Lochgilphead, Argyllshire.

Water costs

From Mr Graham Nutter

Sir, Water authorities and consumers bring periodic shortages by acting in concert but without recognising it. The authorities contribute by a lack of investment to educate users on consumption patterns, and the consumers acquiesce by expecting unlimited quantities at all times of a commodity basic to life – and at an unrealistic price.

Attempts have been made recently to encourage installation of domestic water meters, but with little success, as consumers have to pay for them. The Kent householder with two bathrooms and a half-acre garden is hardly likely to volunteer to pay for a device which will significantly increase his water utility bill.

If, however, meters were provided free, installed, say, over a five-year period, this provision would soon allow market forces to operate, by making water bills a simple function of consumption, rather than of rateable value as is currently the case. The single householder would then probably pay a smaller bill than today, while the Kent householder would pay more.

Given the current discussions between Government and the water authorities on future pricing of water, would this not be an opportunity for Government to suggest a quid pro quo – free installation of meters for greater liberty on pricing, thus permitting the consumer to influence the size of his water bill, rather than the oligopolistic structure of the water authorities? After all, we have gas and electricity meters for basic domestic utilities – why not water meters?

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM NUTTER,
26 Ladbroke Square, W11.

Catholic attitudes

From Mr A. H. Cox

Sir, It was sad to find Hans Küng's article (Spectrum, July 28) to be full of slogans rather than reason. To contrast "law", "discipline", "charges", "mandates", "ecclesiastical laws", with "the freedom for which Christ has set us free", begs so many questions as to make it lacking in any substance. Freedom implies the freedom to do the will of God. To do his will one first must know it.

The Cologne Declaration may well be an entirely appropriate expression of concern at overweening power exercised by Vatican bureaucracy, or even by the Pope himself, but it surely does not obviate the need for a process by which doctrinal conflicts are ultimately resolved.

Science can appeal to experiment when it needs to choose between conflicting theories. Christ did not leave his people without an alternative means of knowing his will now. However, just as science cannot immediately find a cure for cancer without a great deal of human endeavour and false starts, so the uncovering and expressing of developing understanding of Christ's revelation must wait upon the scholarship and false starts of theologians.

A towering figure like Newman saw no diminution in his freedom when he said, "but I speak subject to correction". I trust this is also true of Hans Küng.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. COX,
Church House, 64 Church Street,
Briston,
Melton Constable, Norfolk.

Reading is believing

From Mr James G. Bradshaw

Sir, Ronald Butt (article, August 3) makes an admirable point when he says that the Prime Minister "would be wise to read more newspaper comment herself, relying less on Mr Ingham's eyes and ears".

The great Churchill, who is so much admired by the Prime Minister, made it his early morning duty, which he found an agreeable one, to read the day's papers and in that way was able to get a very good notion of what was going on in the country, which it is not always easy to do from Westminster.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES G. BRADSHAW,
The Manor House,
Welburn, York.

Firework nuisance

From Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi

Sir, May I raise a voice in protest at a new noise phenomenon which has come to disturb us – the late night firework display. On Sunday, July 30, at 11.20 p.m. the LWT birthday celebrations, and on Saturday, August 5, at 10.45 p.m. the Savoy centenary celebrations, wrecked the weekend tranquillity of this small enclave of central London.

My dog cringes under my feet, babies wake and cry, old folk are fearful of the noise. Please could those who organise such events have more consideration for others.

Yours faithfully,
DESMOND CASSIDI,
15 Roupell Street, SE1.

Lebanon conflict

From Mr Bernard Noble

Sir, In a suitably ominous leader on Lebanon (August 2) you imply that invocation of the UN and the imposition of a solution by "the modern great powers" are alternative courses. This is not so.

The powers in question, like Britain and France, are permanent members of a Security Council emerging from the shadow of the veto, and have a responsibility to cooperate in applying the Charter provisions devoted to the primary objects of the UN: the restoration and maintenance of peace.

The Arab League having now confessed its impotence, the UN becomes indispensable for the strategic depth it can lend multinational activities which, without its global authority, are doomed to stumble and expire in ignominy. Under the UN umbrella, one is condemned to persevere.

It is however to be regretted that intervention in Lebanon should be contemplated mainly from the standpoint of the need to protect Western interests and hostages, since actions undertaken upon that sole basis will be viewed with reserve by the Soviet Union, sharpen antagonisms between the West and the Islamic world, and therefore be ineffective or result in greater calamities.

True statesmanship will reject that perspective and grapple with the central issue in Lebanon, which remains the restoration of a civil authority capable, *inter alia*, of policing the terrorists' lairs.

To its credit, the Arab League's latest mission has emphasized this point, as also the fact that the only path to progress lies through unconditional recognition of Lebanon as a sovereign state. It is muscular diplomacy rather than military action that offers prospects in that direction.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD NOBLE,
Ruychrocklaan 107,
2597 EL The Hague,
The Netherlands.
August 3.

Tender offers for course costs

From Dr A. H. Seville

Sir, Not for the first time, a controversial document has been issued for comment during the parliamentary recess. I refer to the Universities Funding Council (UFC) paper on funding for 1991-95, which proposes that universities should make tender offers to supply their various courses and that "other things being equal" the UFC would accept the lowest offers.

It sounds attractive, until you think about it. Consider the case of Aston's Mechanical Engineering Department, chosen not because it is unique but because the facts are in the public domain. The department has a student problem (too few) and a staff problem (too many). It can do little about either. Its course costs are therefore high and a tender based on them would be rejected, exacerbating its problems.

The university must therefore cross-subsidize; but on what basis? If the university system were regarded as a public utility, then the theoretical pricing basis should be the medium-term marginal cost, thus producing optimal use of public resources. This, though, assumes that the base costs are met separately. In fact, the corresponding body to the UFC, the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council, is following this approach quite closely by providing base funding for 95 per cent of the grant and allowing competition only at the margin.

However, the problems of university funding are more complex, not least because the universities generate significant private income: should this be used to substitute for Government grants, thus producing lower tender offers?

What is disturbing is the lack of thought underlying the UFC paper, given that the issues have been readily identifiable since the Education Act which created the new system of funding. The universities are not closed for the holidays and will respond by the mid-September deadline. But they may be driven to quote the dictum of the celebrated concert pianist, the late Dr Schnabel: "I do give cheaper lessons – but I do not recommend them!"

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN SEVILLE
(Academic Registrar),
City University,
Northampton Square, EC1.
August 3.

Avebury hotel

From the Director-General of the National Trust

Sir, The National Trust, as owner of the Stone Circle (in the guardianship of English Heritage) and of over 1,000 acres of surrounding land, is objecting with all the vigour it can command at what we regard as a wholly inappropriate proposal to build a £4 million hotel development at West Kennet Farm, Avebury (report, August 4).

It would be hard to conceive of a more sensitive site than Avebury. Its scenic and archaeological importance is recognised in its designation as a World Heritage Site. In the opinion of the National Trust any large-scale development of this nature would represent a most damaging intrusion which ought to be unthinkable within the setting of such a rare and magical place.

Yours faithfully,
ANGUS STIRLING,
Director-General,
The National Trust,
36 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.

Déjà vu

From Ms Mary Crozier

Sir, Reading "On This Day" in your issue of Wednesday, August 2, I realised that I was reliving an experience that I have always remembered, and that it was I who, 60 years ago, had written the account of the open-air performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Heidelberg printed in *The Times* on August 2, 1929. I was then a 20-year-old Oxford undergraduate spending the long vacation in Germany.

Though I have since then, as a theatre (and later television) critic, seen many productions of the *Dream*, I have never seen one that had the enchantment of that Heidelberg performance, with Mendelssohn's incidental music.

Sixty years on, I met in your pages the undergraduate who had so much enjoyed and written about that magic scene.

Yours faithfully,
MARY CROZIER,
Flat 1, 12 Priory Road,
Kew, Surrey.
August 3.

Root question

From Mrs Yvonne Elton

Sir, Can somebody explain what has happened to the carrot? The carrots I buy from our local supermarket or greengrocer are firm and crunchy on the day I buy them. A day later, however, they are soft and rubbery. I have tried storing them in the refrigerator, but this does not help. Surely a root vegetable should stay fresh longer than one day.

Yours faithfully,
YVONNE ELTON,
2 Clarendon Close,
Romsey, Hampshire.
August 7.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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CLARENCE HOUSE
August 9: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon named the new Thurso Lifeboat "The Queen Mother" at Scrabster.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy, Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, and Captain Giles Bassett were in attendance.

Thanksgiving service

Colonel the Hon Sir Gordon Palmer

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colonel the Hon Sir Gordon Palmer, KCVO, OBE, TD, JP, will be held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on Monday, October 9, at 2.30 pm. Applications for tickets to The Chapter Clerk, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, close on September 1.

Actuaries' Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Actuaries' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr P.W. Parker; Senior Warden, Mr P.J. Turvey; Junior Warden, Mr K.E. Ayers.

Gray's Inn

Scholarships 1989

Senior scholarships
The Arden Scholarship: Dinah Rose (Magdalen, Oxford). The Atkin Scholarship: Thomas Linden (Keble, Oxford). The Mould Scholarship: Michael Fordham (Hertford, Oxford). The Reid Scholarship: Nathalie Lieven (Trinity Hall, Cambridge).

Senior awards
The Holker: David Bailey (Mansfield, Oxford). Stephen Jourdan (Trinity, Cambridge). Sarah Jones (Exeter). Ann Mulligan (Balliol, Oxford). Christopher Kennedy (Corpus Christi, Cambridge). Andrew Thomas (Peterhouse, Cambridge).

The Shaw: Neil Moody (University College, Oxford). The Hilbery: Ranjit Bhose (University College, Oxford). The Sassi: Joanna Lloyd (Bristol). The Blundells: Richard Hitchcock (Magdalen, Oxford). Leslie Samuels (Clare, Cambridge). The McNair: Angela Bedford (Warwick). The John G C Phillips QC: Clare Grundy (Birmingham).

The Albion Richards: Michael Codd (Queen's, Oxford). The Colqhe: Catherine Howells (Liverpool). The Raymond Phillips: Joanna Youl (SOAS). The Rodway Bax: William Carter (Trinity, Oxford). The Blagdon Foot: Georgina Kent (King's, London). The Weinstock: Peter Colley (King's, London).

The Society Awards: Gregory Bamber (Trinity Hall, Cambridge). David Batey (Keele). Paul Hopkins (Birmingham). Kathryn Johnson (Sheffield). Hugo Keith (Magdalen, Oxford). The Bird & Bird: Peter Colley (King's, London). The Ede & Ravenscroft: Carwyn Jones (Aberystwyth). Judge Fricker's Gift: Carwyn Jones (Aberystwyth). The Macaskie: Dinah Rose (Magdalen, Oxford). Nathalie Lieven (Trinity Hall, Cambridge).

The David Karmel European award: Mark Kelly (Bristol).
The Graham Challis award: Duncan Smith (Lancaster).

Prince of Wales awards: Eleanor Gray (Merton, Oxford). Ian Peacock (Trinity, Cambridge). Judith Hockaday (Trinity Hall, Cambridge).

Karmel awards
Common Law: 1st prize, Tom Linden (Keble, Oxford). 2nd prize, Timothy Portwood (Corpus Christi & Caius, Cambridge). Additional prizes: Christopher Kennedy (Corpus Christi & Caius, Cambridge), Sunil Iyer (Dundee). Chancery: Joint 1st prize, Nathalie Lieven (Trinity Hall, Cambridge), Michael Fordham (Hertford, Oxford). Commercial: 1st prize, Gavin Geary (Magdalen, Oxford). 2nd prize, David Foxton (Magdalen, Oxford).

Entrance awards 1989
Bacon Award: Andrew Singer (Fitzwilliam, Cambridge). Holt Award: Daniel Crowley (Queensland, Magdalen, Oxford). Terry Award: Vibe Shukla (Churchill, Cambridge). Uthwatt Award: Sarah Thomas (St John's, Oxford). The First Holker: Helen Mountfield (Magdalen, Oxford). The Gerald Moody: Christopher Johnson (Trinity Hall, Cambridge).

Additional Entrance Awards: Catherine Fisher (LSE), Catherine Barnard (Fitzwilliam, Cambridge), Jack Bowen (Edinburgh), Joy Brereton (Cardiff & Bristol), Jonathan Dale (Oriel, Oxford), William Gregg (Newcastle), Sean Kelly (Selwyn, Cambridge), John Korzendowski (Robinson, Cambridge), Campagge Lloyd-Jacob (Magdalen, Oxford), Edward Saunders (Trinity, Cambridge), Andrew Short (Bristol), Kathryn Symms (Emmanuel, Cambridge), Patrick Thompson (Manchester).

Entrance awards 1990
Bacon Awards: Paul Downes (Magdalen, Oxford). Holt Award: Nigel Eaton (Magdalen, Oxford). The First Holker Award: Ivan Hare (King's, London). The Second Holker Award: Richard Mansell (Leeds). The Cynthia Terry Award: Clare Ambrose Gloneville, Oxford). The Uthwatt Award: Andrew Ramey (Christ's, Cambridge). The Moody Award: Clare Devlin (King's, London).

Additional Entrance Awards: William Aitkland (Queen's, Oxford). Janine Brimelow (Birmingham), James Charles-Pratt (Durham), Karen Currie (SOAS), Simon Howarth (Magdalen, Oxford), Amanda Tipples (Corpus Christi & Caius, Cambridge).

SCIENCE REPORT

Secret life of water viruses

Every teaspoonful of natural, unpolluted water could contain up to 1,250 million viruses – a concentration up to 10 million times higher than previous estimates.

These viruses infect bacteria and microscopic algae, but most researchers assumed that they were of little importance until Norwegian researchers using powerful electron microscopes found that fresh water and seawater was swarming with viruses, so small they had escaped earlier scrutiny.

The work of Gunnar Bratbak and colleagues from the University of Bergen, reported in today's issue of *Nature* (vol 340, pp 467-468), could overturn many cherished ideas: the researchers show that viruses may be of central importance to freshwater and marine ecology.

Almost everything in the sea depends on the activities of photosynthetic marine algae and bacteria in the plankton. These organisms convert sunlight into food, and form the anchor for the oceanic food chain, without which life in the sea would be virtually impossible.

The blooms of bacteria and algae are grazed by microscopic animals and small crustaceans, which are in turn preyed on by fish, which are eaten by bigger fish, polar bears, human beings and so on. But some researchers hinted that bacteria in the sea suffered from more than just predation: Bratbak and colleagues suggest that at any time, about a third of the bacteria in the sea are infected with viruses. This load of infection could mean that viruses may be carrying genetic information from one bacterial cell to another, in a kind of natural genetic engineering experiment.

This might make the planktonic ecosystem unusually responsive to environmental change. But it also implies that the effects of accidental release of genetically engineered bacteria into the sea could be very far reaching indeed.

Marine biologist Evelyn B. Sherr, of the University of Georgia Marine Institute, suggests that animals and plants large enough to be seen represent only a miniscule part of marine and freshwater ecosystems. Most of the producers and consumers in these ecosystems are so small they escape capture by filter-feeding organisms such as copepod crustaceans: they simply slip through the net.

Copepods, themselves very small animals, along with other filter-feeding plankton, form an essential link in the food chain leading to fish, whales and other large animals. The discovery of unexpectedly high concentrations of viruses in natural waters is the culmination of a trend. Over the past twenty years, researchers have been preoccupied with ever smaller planktonic organisms, which seem to turn up in much larger concentrations than anyone expected.

Sherr compares this with the compulsion of physicists to hunt for ever more elusive and evanescent subatomic particles. In the 1960s, researchers were interested in the "nanoplankton", single-celled microscopic algae with cells less than 10 or 20 thousandths of a millimetre across. These were thought to be the smallest planktonic organisms, and the foundation of the food chain.

But further work isolated even smaller organisms, which became known as picoplankton. The algae and bacteria of the picoplankton are each less than two thousandths of a millimetre across, and are so small that they can only just be discerned in ordinary light microscopes.

Some algae picoplankton look like the green chloroplasts of plant cells, lending weight to the idea that living cells started as communal aggregates of more primitive organisms (Science Report, July 21). Bratbak has found yet another level in the planktonic hierarchy: the femtoplankton, viruses which, at a few ten-thousandths of a millimetre across, are too small to see using anything less powerful than electron microscopes.

Henry Gee

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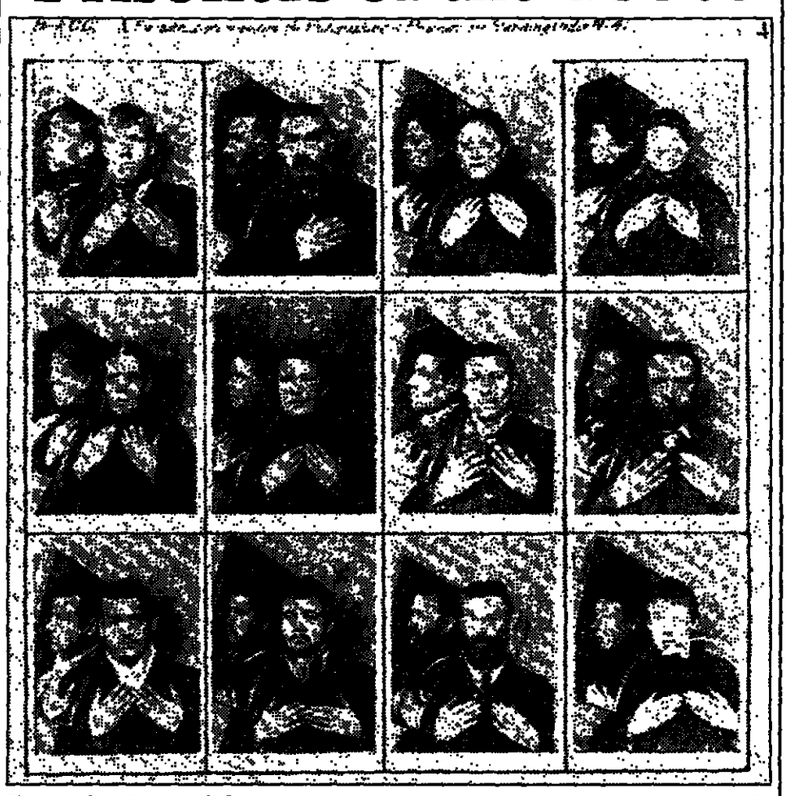
Prisoners of the 1880s



Photographs of some of the earliest inmates of Wormwood Scrubs prison which go on public display for the first time today in an exhibition of Britain's photographic legacy to mark the 150th anniversary of the official invention of the art (Emma Wilkins writes).

The pictures, taken by an unknown photographer in the 1880s, show the prisoners curiously posed with their hands prominently displayed in what is believed to be a gesture of submission. However, the hands may also have been an important means of identification before the invention of finger printing. Mr Roger Taylor, senior curator of photography at the museum, said: "I would very much like to hear from anyone who can tell me why the hands are displayed as the question has confused everyone here."

The photograph, acquired by the National Museum of Film and Photography in Bradford two years ago, is particulary significant because it is one of the earliest examples of the use of photography to identify criminals.

The link between criminality and physiognomy, the art of judging character from facial features, was a matter of popular debate during the late nineteenth century and many Victorian social investigators believed it was possible to determine the nature of crime from the culprits' facial characteristics.

The exhibition, which includes photographs by Bill Brandt and David Hockney, is at the Royal Museum of Scotland as part of the Edinburgh Festival until October.

Dinner

Admiralty Board
The Hon Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, presided at a dinner given last night at Admiralty House by the Admiralty Board and Commanders-in-Chief in honour of Admiral Sir Derek and Lady Reffell and to mark Sir Derek's retirement as Controller of the Navy. Among those present were:

The Hon Mrs Hamilton, Admiral Sir Julian Oswald (Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord) and Lady Oswald, Admiral Sir Jeremy Black (Commander-in-Chief Fleet) and Lady Black, Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Garrod (Commandant General Royal Marines) and Lady Garrod, Vice-Admiral Sir Brian Brown (Second Sea Lord) and Lady Brown, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Macdonald and Rear-Admiral and Mrs Hugo White.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Charles James Napier, soldier, London 1782; Count Camillo di Cavour, Italian patriot, Turin, 1810; Charles Keene, artist in black and white, Hornsey, 1823; J Scott Lidgett, theologian, London 1854; Laurence Binyon, poet, Lancaster, 1869; Herbert Hoover, 31st president of the USA 1929-33, West Branch, Iowa, 1874.

DEATHS: John Wilson Croker, politician, London 1857; Sir George Staunton, writer on China, London 1859; Otto Lilienthal, pioneer aviator, Berlin, 1896; Oswald Veblin, mathematician, Maine, 1960.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
A Knighthood to be conferred upon The Honourable Mr Justice Buckley on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice.

Mr M R Mellnish to be Ambassador to Thailand in succession to Mr D Tonkin who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Mr Anthony Brian Hidden, QC, and Mr John Frank Mummery to be Justices of the High Court. Mr Hidden will be assigned to the Queen's Bench, and Mr Mummery to Chancery.

Mr Jeremy Francis Dverden to be joint Registrar for the districts of Oldham, Stockport and Tameside County Courts and joint District Registrar in the District Registry of the High Court at Stockport and Oldham from September 4.

Birthdays today

Mr John Alldis, conductor, 60; Earl Attlee, 62; Sir Frank Bowden, industrialist and landowner, 80; Dame Gillian Brown, diplomat, 66; Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, 56; Sir Lawrence Byford, former HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 64; Mrs Leila Campbell, former chairman, Ilea, 78; General Sir George Cooper, 64; Professor Alexander Goehr, composer, 57; Cardinal Gordon Gray, former Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, 79; Mr Alan Hardcastle, Accountancy Adviser to HM Treasury, 56; Mr Leonard Lickorish, former director-general, British Tourist Authority, 68; Lord Lisle, 86; Mrs B.J.L. Mills, QC, 49; Miss Kate O'Mara, actress, 50; Lord Porritt, 89; Mr Ian Stewart, MP, 54; Mrs Elizabeth Thomas, literary consultant, 70; Major-General Sir Humphry Tollemache, 92; Mr W.T. Wells, QC, former MP, 81; Sir John Spencer Wills, former chairman, British Electric Traction Company, 85; Mr P.H. Wright, VC, 73; Mr George Wynn-Williams, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 77.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.G.F. Lang and the Hon Victoria Sackville-West
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Lang, of Nairobi, Kenya and Victoria, daughter of Lord Sackville and the late Lady Sackville of Knole, Sevenoaks.

Mr A.R. Goodson and Miss M.J. Lodder
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Sir Mark and Lady Goodson, of Kilham, Northumberland, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Lodder, of Mere, Knutsford, Cheshire.

Major A.N. Williams, RAMC and Captain J.L. Dunn, RAMC
The engagement is announced between Tony, younger son of Dr and Mrs J.A. Williams, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Jan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Dunn, of Ponteland, Northumberland.

Mr P.J. Anderson and Miss E.L. Broome
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr John Anderson, of Caer Rhun Hall, Conwy, North Wales, and Mrs Timothy Baker, of Coleshill, and Emma Louise, elder daughter of the late Simon Broome and of Mrs Broome, of Oxford.

Mr G.B.C. Franklin and Miss M. Horikawa
The engagement is announced between Gideon, youngest son of Colin and Charlotte Franklin, of Culham, Oxford, and Mioko, elder daughter of Jihei and Yuriko Horikawa, of Akita, Japan.

Dr N.C. Greenwood Jackman and Miss N.A. Hayston
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Clive, second son of Dr and Mrs Clive Jackman, of 'Spring House', Long Burton, Sherborne, Dorset, and Nicola Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Hayston, of Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr J.E.F.B. Howie and Miss E.L. Slay
The engagement is announced between John, second son of the late Mr Ian Howie and of Mrs Barbara Howie, of Cross-in-Hand, East Sussex, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Slay, of Shurlock Row, Berkshire.

Mr M.N. Law and Miss C.M.L. Gullick
The engagement is announced between Mathew, younger son of Mr Tim and the late Mrs Anne Law, of Wareham, Dorset, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr Tom Gullick, of Cuidad Real, Spain, and Mrs Richard Dunn, of Ecchinswell, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr H.H. Luczyc-Wyhowski and Miss K.F. Barton
The engagement is announced between Hugo Henry, younger son of Mr and Mrs S.J.L. Luczyc-Wyhowski, of Kelso, Roxburghshire, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Kim Barton, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr A. Martens and Miss M. Weston
The engagement is announced between Antony, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Martens, of Garlands, The Haven, Billingshurst, Sussex, and Michelle, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Weston, of Seattle, Washington State, USA.

Mr R.E. Midha and Miss K. Rees
The engagement is announced between Ravindra, son of the late Dr Raj Midha and of Mrs Olive Midha, of Gorwydd Lodge, Gowerton, Swansea, and Kay, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Rees, of Lakeside Drive, Cardiff.

Mr G.D. Whitley and Miss S.A. Futty
The engagement is announced between George David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Whitley, of Hamsey, Sussex, and Sarah Ann, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A.E. Futty, of Fernhurst, Sussex.

Marriages

Mr R.T.B. Lloyd and Miss W.S.M. Schut
The marriage took place on August 5, at St Mary's, Sundridge, of Timothy, eldest son of Sir Richard and Lady Lloyd, and Wilhelmina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henri Schut.

Captain S.V. Golder, REME and Ms M.E. Hastings
The marriage took place on August 7, in Malvern of Captain Steve Golder and Merril Hastings, and was blessed at St James' Church, West Malvern.

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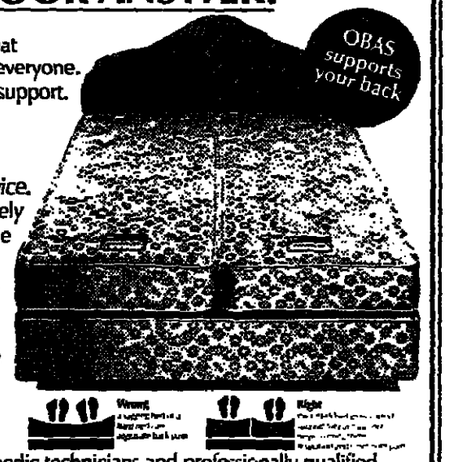

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OBITUARIES

AUDREY RUSSELL

Grande dame of radio's vintage years

For over a quarter of a century, Audrey Russell, who has died at the age of 83, was one of the most successful and best-known communicators "on the wireless". Hers was one of the classic pioneering voices of BBC news reporting and commentating during the vintage years of radio, when there was no television, and then in the years when sound broadcasting was playing an important part but operating alongside television.

Her own "finest hours" stretched from the beginning of the war in 1939 until her outside-broadcast commentaries well into the Sixties. She was – and liked also to think that she was – "the first lady of the microphone".

She was born Muriel Audrey Rusell, into an Irish family of Co Dublin – though there was no trace of that origin in her standard English tones. She was in London, studying for a stage career in the Twenties and Thirties. She trained at the Central School of Speech and Drama. In 1937 she began a series of small part appearances in West End theatres.

But the career which was to make her a personality took off with the outbreak of the Second World War – oddly enough, by way of fire-fighting. She joined the National Fire Service, fighting fires in air-raids in London and during the shelling of Dover, working alongside male colleagues.

It was when a BBC reporter, trawling through burnt-out buildings, did an interview with a tall blonde in a tin hat handling a fire hose, that Miss Russell was "discovered". Her description of the German attacks, the devastation, and the behaviour of both suffering families and rescue services was so vivid that she was asked to record more accounts of the war on the home front.

In 1942 she was asked to join the BBC's wartime news reporting staff, and was soon covering every kind of blitz and coastal raid, broadcasting from army camps, ack-ack sites, , defence posts and barrage balloon stations – in the thick of it, with the best of the male reporters.

She was in every kind of danger on the home front between Dunkirk and D-Day, and afterwards she was war reporting from the liberating armies in Europe.

She had the capacity to record the tale that was unfolding in tough, down-to-earth despatches, innocent of theatricality or embroidery, using a beautiful voice with simple straightforward effect. A slim, vigorous, tall blonde, neat and eye-catching even in steel helmet and dungarees, she was tireless, wedded to her work and loving it.

In her autobiography, *A Certain Voice* (1984), she confessed that a very difficult time for her was when the men came back from the war in 1945 and 1946. "As long as the war was on, it didn't matter, I was delivering the goods," she said. "But then in peacetime I kept being told – even by Richard Dimbleby – that only men could do this and that. So I had to fight. I had to learn how to do broadcast running commentary as well as news despatches." She learned – and fast – from every colleague, particularly perhaps from Wynford Vaughan Thomas.

She served as radio commentator during many years of state occasions, ceremonies such as the funeral of King George VI in 1952 and the Queen's Coronation the next year. She coverered royal tours, including the great post-Coronation journey round the Commonwealth in 1953-54, royal visits in West Germany, Italy, France, Portugal, Norway. She carried her microphone through scores of Commonwealth territories.

Royal weddings were her "specials" – the first one she did was Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip in 1947. Then the great nuptial pageants of almost all the Buckingham Palace children and other glittering weddings in the House of Windsor. Overseas weddings included King Baudouin and that of Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly in Monaco.

Indeed one of the most frightening ordeals she had was not in the war but at a royal wedding in Westminster Abbey where engineers had built a narrow steel platform jutting out into the air from the high triforium, with her microphone at the end of it. Audrey Russell was terrified during the broadcast, but listeners would never have guessed it.

Audrey Russell was appointed MVO in 1976. She had been made a Freeman of the City of London a decade before, and she valued that honour almost as much.

Outside broacasting she was a member of the fund raising committee of the Save the Children Fund from 1973 to 1977, and for a while its vice-chairman.

She never married.

LOIS ALLAN

Inventor of 'Fuzzy-Felt' creative toy for children

Lois Allan who created the well-known children's toy "Fuzzy-Felt" out of games with offcuts from a gasket factory she ran during the war, died on August 4, aged 84.

Her work has brought pleasure to millions of children throughout the world since 1950 when Fuzzy-Felt was introduced. Until earlier this year, she continued to enjoy designing games for children – even in her eighties, her enthusiasm for her work never failed.

She was born in Morristown, New Jersey, on May 16, 1905. Her artistic career started when she attended a college in Paris to study art and clothes design. She married Peter Allan in the 1930s and between them they set up a successful travel agency business specializing in European tours for wealthy Americans; at that point and Lois Allan's designing days seemed to be over.

However, when war broke out, her husband returned to the Services and Lois Allan, in order to help the war effort, set up a gasket-making factory in the grounds of her house in Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire. Local women came to help and they took it in turns with Mrs Allan to look after their children whilst the others worked the cutting machines. One of these children was Lois's son, Richard, who later became Joint Managing Director of the Fuzzy-Felt company Allan Industries Limited and is now Chairman of the British Toy and Hobbies Manufacturers' Association.

Mrs Allan soon discovered that the offcuts from the felt gaskets kept the children amused for hours. The pieces could be made into a picture on the back of a felt table mat and then rearranged at will – Fuzzy-Felt was born. However, it was not until 1950 that Lois Day Allan finally managed to get the game into production (using the old gasket-cutting machines) and into the shops. The company is now flourishing with a factory and a staff of 50.

A vivacious and gregarious woman, she remained passionately interested in the fortunes of the company and was a stickler for detail where all new products and quality control were concerned. She had the pleasure of seeing the company grow from a small cottage industry into a thriving international business, and was a constant source of amusing and entertaining anecdotes which made her company such a pleasure to all who found themselves in it.

Her husband predeceased her; she leaves a son, a daughter, a stepson and a stepdaughter, besides a staff to whom she will always be remembered as "Mrs Fuzzy-Felt".

THE REV ROBERT GREAVES

Pastoral care from horseback

The Reverend Robert Greaves, who has died at his home in Derbyshire aged 62, was the Priest in Charge of the Berkshire villages of Chaddleworth, Brightwalton, Leckhampstead and Fawley from 1974 until his retirement in 1987.

He was a man of immense charm, understanding and humour whose magnetism ensured that his churches were full when others were comparatively empty.

Much of Greaves's working life had been spent in mining parishes in South Yorkshire, where he developed his earthy sense of humour, until he moved to Berkshire and there his lifelong interest in horses blossomed.

He was a member of the local Vine and Craven Hunt and he was regularly seen riding around his parishes on a former racehorse that had been given to him by Robert Sangster, one of the country's leading owners, after it had proved worthless on the track.

If the roads became impassable because of snow Bob Greaves would ride to his church and as likely as not call in on his way back at the local pub, The Ibex, where his colourful character – many have maintained that he was a ringer for the priests portrayed by Dick Emery on television – ensured that his flock packed the bar too. He enjoyed the companionship of the local community and they, and many more besides, adored him.

Robert Bond Handley Greaves was born in 1926 in Sheffield. After serving in the Royal Navy during the Second World War, he was ordained in the diocese of Sheffield in 1952.

He leaves a widow, Grace, one son and two daughters.

Archaeology

Equality when it suited?

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Fingerprints preserved in clay have led to some surprising conclusions about ancient Mexican craftsmanship.

Over the centuries men and women seem to have alternately dominated the making of pottery figurines at the great city of Teotihuacan, near Mexico City.

The evidence for this comes from studies carried out by Professor Warren Barbour of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

He noted the forensic data that the ridges in fingerprints tend to be narrower and more uniform in women than in men, and then set out to find ancient prints preserved in the artefacts of prehispanic Teotihuacan.

The city flourished from about 100 BC to around AD 750, and for several centuries had a population as high as 200,000, making it one of the largest urban centres on earth at the time of the Roman Empire. Thousands of figurines have been found in excavations, although their function in Teotihuacan society remains unknown.

"Although the 'gender' of a single fingerprint cannot be identified in isolation, with forty or more prints to study it is possible to detect which ones are likely to have been made by females and which by males," Professor Barbour says in *Archaeology*.

"Being able to tell the sex of the maker of artefacts leads to interesting questions about society."

Among the possibilities is the sexual division of labour, and Professor Barbour has found that during the first stage of Teotihuacan's history, before AD 250, figurines were handmade by women.

Between then and AD 650 figurines were also mass-produced in moulds, and made mainly by men, while in the final century of the city's history women (or young males) took over again.

Professor Barbour suggests that endemic warfare during this disturbed period may have kept men away from their work, as possibly occurred during the rise of Teotihuacan centuries before, leaving women to fill the gap.

It is an interpretation that those who remember the Second World War and its aftermath, when women were first welcomed into the workplace and then pressured back into the home to make way for the returning warriors, will find strangely plausible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

And now, little children, abide in him: that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.
1 John 2:28

BIRTHS

BALDWIN - On August 8th, to Elizabeth (née Brown) and David, a son, Matthew George.

BIRKBY - On 8th August 1989, at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to Linda (née Brooker) and Guy, the gift of a son, Dominic William Guy.

BROWN - On August 8th, to Trudie (née Tinlin) and Stephen, a son, Edward Bruno Bathe Brown.

BURR - On August 6th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Maureen and Adam, a daughter, Keara Shirley.

FULCHER - On July 1st 1989, at St Peter's, Chertsey, to Tracey and Stephen, a daughter, Lauren.

HARDING - On 30th July, to Diana (née Clemes) and Joel, a daughter, Anna Giselle.

HUGHES - On August 1st, 1989, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Mary (née Collier) and Melrion, a son, Thomas James Llewelyn.

JOHANSEN - Eliot Carlton, born 5th August 1989. Roses and Unicorns.

KEMP - On August 7th, to Jean and Richard, a son, Duncan Henry.

KIRKUP - On August 7th, at 3.15pm, to Catherine (née Wright) and David, a son, Thomas Michael, a brother for Julia Helen. A Grandson for Ruth, John, Doris and Fred.

MITTON - On 9th August, at St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, to Ann (née Halstead) and Richard, a daughter, Emily, a sister for Harry and Lucy.

MOORE - On July 6th to Susan (née Clayton) and Marks, a son, William, a brother for Caroline and Victoria.

MORAHAN - On August 6th 1989, to Jo (née Lewis) and Andy, a son, Charles Joseph, a brother for Rosie.

ONORI - On July 8th 1989, to Hiromi and Yukio, a daughter, Yuka.

PEPPER - On 18th July 1989, to Norah (née Wheeler) and Alasdair, a son, Jonathan, a brother for Harriet and Nicholas.

POLLEN - On 4th August, at St George's Hospital, to Jacqueline (née Caro) and John, a son, Francis Arthur Hungerford.

TINKER - On 7th August, to Siobhan (née Rae) and David, a daughter, Naomi Kate, a sister for Jamie and Hannah.

WILLIAMS - On August 3rd 1989, at the West London Hospital, to Anthea (née Lewis) and William, a son, Daniel Roland.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

WOODHAM - MALONE - On 10th August, 1949, at St Ninian's Church, Knightswood, Glasgow, Ronald to Kim. Now in Winchester.

DEATHS

AVERY - On Sunday Aug. 6th, at home, after an illness borne with much courage, Rev. Richard Avery B.V.S.C., M.R.C.V.S., aged 47, much loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Robert, Rebecca and Jessica. Requiem Mass at the Church of St Mary of the Assumption, Froyle, on Monday Aug. 14th at 2 pm. Donations in Richard's memory to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund. All enquiries to Charles Read & Daughter, Funeral Directors, (0420) 83551.

AYKROYD - On August 7th 1989, as a result of a car accident in Ireland, Nicholas, the beloved son of David and Huldine and much loved brother of Amanda, Emily and Matilda. Funeral at Nun Monkton on Saturday August 12th at 2.30 pm.

CARVER - Elizabeth Daphne (née MacDonnell), on August 5th 1989. Funeral Service at All Saints, Wardour, Nr. Tisbury, Wilts., on August 16th at 4 pm. Flowers or donations to The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund may be sent to G.E. Johnson & Son, (Funeral Directors), 41/45 High Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

CONSTANT - On August 7th, following many years of pain, borne with outstanding courage and cheerfulness, Pamela Mary, dearly loved wife of Antony, of Wardington, Oxfordshire. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving will be announced shortly.

DOBSON - On August 6th 1989, peacefully, in Macclesfield Hospital, after a short illness, Robert Wakeham, aged 87, Lt. Colonel OBE RA Retd., Military Knight of Windsor. Greatly loved husband of Muriel, loving father of Elizabeth, Sheila, and the late Alick, and a much loved grandfather. Funeral at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on Tuesday 15th August at 2.15 pm, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton Terrace, London SW1Y 5AR.

DORAN - Dr. William, peacefully at Rotherham District General Hospital, on 4th August 1989, aged 69 years. Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul at St Bede's, Rotherham, on Monday August 14th at 2.30 pm, to be followed by burial. Flowers, or if so wished donations in his memory to Cancer Relief, c/o Bartholomew & Sons, 6 Broom Valley Road, Rotherham.

DOWNING - On August 7th, peacefully at St Bartholomew's Hospital, Robert Keith (Bob), aged 74. Beloved father of Nigel.

DURIGNIEUX - On 19th July, Dr. Pierre Durignieux, aged 84 years, of Etaples, France. Very dear father of Colette, Francoise, Michèle and Maud. Please write to Mme Durignieux, 74120 Megève, France.

FISHER - On 8th August, at the National Heart Hospital, London, after a long illness, Mary (née Peppin). Widow of Paddy, mother of John and Jinny. Funeral at Chelmsford Crematorium, Wednesday 16th August, 2.30 pm.

GIPPS - On August 8th, Margaret Emma, in her 88th year. Only daughter of Mr & Mrs A.H. Gipps, sister of Phillip, died suddenly and peacefully at Hampden House, Harrogate. Rest in Peace.

GRADON - On August 8th 1989, suddenly, in Preston, Lancs., John Winkfield, of Cumbria, the dearly loved husband of Gillian and beloved father of Liza and Charlotte, the eldest son of Doris and the late William McGowan Gradon, peacefully at rest. Funeral Service and Cremation at Preston Crematorium on Monday August 14th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired to Carlisle Cathedral, c/o the Funeral Directors, Arrangements Messrs. H. Whalley & Sons, 94 Ripon Street, Preston, Lancs., tel: (0772) 54936.

HARDING - On August 8th 1989, at Danepark Centre, Cliftonville, Frank Dryden Harding O.B.E. (Lt. Col.), in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of the late Margaret and sadly missed by his daughter Diana and son-in-law Bob. Formerly Managing Director of the Pullman Car Company. Enquiries to Blackburns Funeral Service, Broadstairs. Telephone: (0843) 62897.

HOLMES - On August 6th, at Fairacres Nursing Home, near Banbury, Phyllis, in her 89th year. Widow of John Holmes M.B., M.R.C.P., formerly of Southport, Malta and Great Maytham. Mother of Nicholas and the late Roger and Charlotte. Service at Oxford Crematorium Memorial Chapel on Friday August 11th at 3.15 pm.

JONES-EVANS - On August 9th 1989, peacefully and with dignity, at Fawley, Hampshire, Dr. Eric. Funeral at All Saint's, Fawley, Wednesday August 16th, at 11 am. Funeral Directors, R. Hallum & Son 0703 893729. Thanksgiving Service to be held, date to be notified.

KAARS SYPESTEYN - On 27th July 1989, Wopco Rhose (Bob), beloved brother of Piet Hein, Dik and Agaath (of Joppelaan 83, 7213 AB Gorssel, Holland), unexpectedly in Geneva.

KITZINGER - On August 9th 1989, peacefully, Richard. Funeral 11.30 am on Wednesday August 16th at Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Mary Kitzinger Trust, c/o National Westminster Bank, Holborn Hall Branch, Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

MADDEN - On August 6th 1989, peacefully, in Plymouth, Florence Helen, aged 86, widow of Charles Joseph Lacy Madden, late of Peermade, Travancore, S. India and Plampton, Sussex. Dear aunt of her nieces and nephews. Cremation at Efford, Plymouth, on Monday August 14th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

MALLARD - E. Barbara, died on 7th August 1989, late Deputy Headmistress of Perse School for Girls, in Cambridge. Sadly missed. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on 22nd August 1989. Details of a later Remembrance Service are to be announced.

MANOUK - Albert, see announcements.

MULHOLLAND - On August 6th 1989, suddenly and peacefully, at home in London, Dr. Daniel Booth Mulholland, late of North-East London Polytechnic. Beloved husband of Magdeleine. Sadly missed by family and friends in Northern Ireland, England and France. Funeral on Monday, 14th August at Putney Vale Crematorium at 1 pm. Any enquiries and flowers to Ashton's Funeral Services, Putney. Tel: 01-788 1790.

NORMAN - On 7th August 1989, peacefully at Kettlewell House Nursing Home, Woking, Elsie Lavinia, aged 94 years, widow of Eric Franz Norman. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. For many years a good servant of the Red Cross and R.N.L.I. Funeral Service on Thursday 24th August at 12 noon at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells.

PRATT - On 9th August, at home in Warkworth, Lt. Colonel Reginald Michael D.S.O., D.L., late Fifth Fusiliers, aged 74 years, dear husband of Joy. Funeral Monday 14th August at 11 am, St Lawrence Parish Church, Warkworth, followed interment at Alnwick Cemetery. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to The Aid Society, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, Fenham Barracks, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE2 4NP.

SECKER - On Monday 7th August, in his 80th year, suddenly at his home in Wanstead, London, Ben M.A. Cantab., Yorkshireman, former president of Hearts of Oak Friendly Society, Freeman of the City of London, formerly of Harrow Weald, Middx. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Greatly missed by Ethel, Penny, John, Aidan and Brendan. Cremation service at City of London Crematorium, Aldersbrook Road, London E12, on Tuesday August 15th at 1 pm. No flowers please, donations to Alzheimers Disease Society. Memorial service to be arranged later.

TEMPLE - T. Alan, on Tuesday August 8th 1989, at Aboyne, after a long illness bravely borne. Widower of his beloved Phyllis, brother of Jack and Isobel, uncle of Guy and Diana. Funeral at Christ Church (Episcopal) Kincardine O'Neil on Tuesday August 15th at 12 noon, thereafter to Aberdeen Crematorium, Hazelhead (East Chapel) for committal service at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Christ Church, c/o Col. J.W. Nicol of the Ballogie, Aboyne.

WHITCOMBE - On August 9th, Major General Philip Sidney Whitcombe C.B., O.B.E., J.P., lately of The Grange Lake, Salisbury, aged 95 years. Much loved head of a large family. Funeral at St Michael's, Wilsford, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 15th August.

WHITTAKER - On 8th August, on her 92nd birthday, Robina Sara, of Poole.

WILKIE - On August 7th, 1989, passed away suddenly and peacefully in Whittington Hospital, London, Ellen Julia, of Whitby Court, Parkhurst Road, London, aged 31 years. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday 15th August in Redland Parish Church, Bristol, Avon, at 2 pm, followed by interment in Canford Cemetery, Bristol. Flowers or donations for either John Grooms Housing or Muscular Dystrophy, may be sent R. Davies & Sons, 381 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol.

WILSON - Jane, on August 8th, of Herne Bay, Kent, formerly of Cambridge, widow of Samuel, mother of Peter and Jean, grandmother of Lavinia.

WINGATE - Dorothy Rose (Dolly), on 9th August 1989, adored mother of Angela, Roger and Jonathan, grandmother of Sophie and dearly beloved sister of Adolph, Marguerite and the late Arthur. Funeral 10.30 am, Liberal Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, Willesden, Friday 11th August. Prayers Sunday 13th August 8 pm, 26 Sidmouth Road, NW2.

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TAKE NOTICE that a Statutory Demand has been issued by Lombard Leasing Services Ltd of Lombard House, 3 Princess Way, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1NP. The creditor demands payment of £4,730 16 the amount now due on a Judgment of Milton Keynes County Court, dated the 4 day of April 1989.
The Statutory Demand is an important document and it is deemed to have been served on you on the date of the first appearance of this advertisement. You must deal with this demand within 21 days of the service upon you or you could be made bankrupt and your property and goods taken away from you. If you are in any doubt as to your position, you should seek advice immediately from a solicitor or your nearest Citizen's Advice Bureau
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(Solicitors for the creditor)
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You have only 21 days from the date of the first appearance of this advertisement before the creditor may present a bankruptcy petition.

RE: COJANA (COATS & SUITS) LIMITED
Registered Number: 660103
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we William Morys Roberts and Nigel James Hamilton of Ernst & Whinney, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU were appointed the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company on 26 July 1989 by Midland Bank PLC.
Dated 31st day of July 1989
W M Roberts and N J Hamilton
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No 1329 of 1988
IN BANKRUPTCY
DR LAKSHMI CHAND PANDIT
of and practising at 48 Inner Park Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 6DD as a MEDICAL PRACTITIONER
I Raymond Hocking, Certified Accountant of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA give notice that I was appointed trustee in bankruptcy of the above-named on 31 March 1989. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated 2 day of Augst 1989
R HOCKING
Trustee

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, on 17 August 1989 at 11.00 am for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has sent to the Joint Administrative Receivers by not later than 12 noon on 16 August 1989, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged to the Joint Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 3rd day of August 1989
G A AUGER
Joint Administrative Receiver

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I, John William Papl, FIPA, Licenced Insolvency Practitioner, of Messrs. J.W. Papl & Co., Insolvency Practitioners, One Maddox Street, London, W1R 9WA have been appointed Liquidator of the above-named company. All debts and claims should be sent to me.
Dated 1st day of August 1989
John William Papl, FIPA
Liquidator

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6.124 (1)
In the Southend Court No. 78 of 1989. In the Matter of:-David John Tipper (In Bankruptcy). Notice is hereby given that on 21 July 1989 Melvyn Laurence Rose, F.C.A.,F.C.C.A., of Lidgra House 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Trustee of the above-named Estate.
DATED 3 DAY OF AUGUST 1989
MELVYN LAURENCE ROSE
(F.C.A.,F.C.C.A.)
TRUSTEE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO 6034 of 1988
THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 1986
RE: DAVID OSTERLEY, 1 HOWCROFT CRESCENT, FINCHLEY N3
I, Jonathan Joseph Schapira, authorised Insolvency Practitioner of Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA have been appointed Trustee in the above-named matter.
All persons having in their possession or under their control any property or effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me. All debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me. All proofs of debt should be forwarded to me.
Dated 2nd day of August 1989
J J Schapira
Trustee

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A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 31st day of July 1989
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Director

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(From our own correspondent)

ROME, Aug 9

The Roman Curia has today again given a striking proof of the wonderful rapidity with which it prepares and organizes its festivals. The coronation of Pius X, was carried out on the vast and splendid scale, which was customary before the days of Leo XIII, and, in spite of the short warning, the transformation and decoration of the inside of the Basilica was complete in every particular by Saturday night. Unfortunately the preparations which were made for the reception of 50,000 spectators were less successful, and resulted in the disappointment of some thousands, who never got within the Basilica at all, and the intense discomfort of the 40 and odd thousands who did ...

At 6 o'clock in the morning, when the doors were opened, there was already a dense crowd which had been gathering ever since daybreak. The aspect of the piazza at that hour was somewhat curious owing to the thick white mist, a peculiarity of the Roman summer, which hung low over the leonine city, blotting out the dome and even the upper part of the facade of the Basilica completely. The sun had hardly begun to disperse it when the doors were opened, and the first crowd of spectators fought their way within the church. It was essentially a popular crowd. With the exception of the small tribunes which belong to the Diplomatic Corps and the Roman nobility, and a not very large enclosure which had been set apart for ladies, no places were reserved anywhere, and the great bulk of the tickets of admission had been given to the parish priests for distribution among their parishioners. It was the people of Rome in the widest sense of the word who witnessed the coronation of Pius X.

... Then the actual ceremony of coronation began. After the prescribed prayers Cardinal Steinhuber approached and took the mitre from the Pope's head, in the place of which Cardinal Macchi put the jewelled tiara, reciting the ancient formula: *"Accipe tiaram tribus coronis ornatam, et scias te esse patrem principum ac regum, rectorem orbis in terra, vicarium Salvatoris Nostri Jesu Christi, cui est honor et gloria in saecula saeculorum."*

Silver trumpets announced the conclusion of this act and the choir began the strains of the anthem *"Tu es Petrus,"* while here and there in the body of the Basilica there was an outburst of acclamation. Pius X then recited the three prayers which follow the act of coronation in a clear, ringing voice, which could be heard the whole length of the Basilica. There was a slight pause, and the whole assembly knelt while the same clear tones began slowly and impressively the Benediction ...

The whole ceremony, of which every act had its history and symbolical meaning, was most impressive. The Pontiff himself presented a most dignified figure, and the people were evidently much impressed by the quiet strength and benignity of his features. The crowd was most orderly and well-behaved. Pius X had particularly begged that those who witnessed the ceremony should remember in what place they were and abstain from the acclamations which have always been usual on such occasions. It was rather touching to see the real effort that was made to respect the Pontiff's wishes. One cannot but see the impress of the character of Pius X on this the first great public act of his pontificate. He wished that it should be performed before the people rather than before a chosen few; and he tried to make the people forget his own personality and remember only the religious significance of his office and the pomp which surrounded it.

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Beryl Florence, Lady Stone, of London NW3, left estate valued at £1,229,999 net.

Mr William Beaumont Albright of Evesham, Worcestershire, left estate valued at £1,847,427 net.

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Mrs Janetta Amelia McKinnon, of Purley, Surrey........ £592,501.

Mr Malcolm Harding Moss, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, retired solicitor .... £588,810.

Mrs Diana Mary Nicholson, of Brenchley, Kent........ £885,625.

Mr Robert Garnett Posnett, of Kingsley, Cheshire .... £641,053.

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Mr Cyril Frank Rust, of Felixstow, Suffolk....... £502,621.

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Mrs Mary Olive Gladys Shuaib, of South Ascot, Berkshire........ £755,885.

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Mrs Dorothy May Taylor, of Poole, Dorset........ £502,353.

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Pewterers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Pewterers' Company for the ensuing year:
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University news

Lancaster

Appointments and promotions:

CHAIRS
Miss K Legge, Reader in Organizational Behaviour at Imperial College, London, to a Chair in Behaviour in Organizations.
Dr P E Morris, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychology, to a Personal Chair in the department.
Dr R W Tucker, Reader in Theoretical Physics, to a Personal Chair in Mathematical Physics.
Dr A R Wellburn, Head of Biochemistry in the Institute of Environmental and Biological Sciences, to a Personal Chair in Biochemistry.

READERSHIP
Dr S J Taylor, Lecturer in the Department of Accounting and Finance, to a Readership in Finance.

SENIOR LECTURESHIPS
Dr P Goodrich (previously Lecturer in Law at Newcastle University) and Mr G H Samuel (previously Reader in Law at Bristol Polytechnic) to Senior Lecturers in the Department of Law.
Dr J B Shepherd (previously Reader in Geophysics at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad) to a Senior Lecturer in Geophysics in the Environmental Science Division.

LECTURESHIPS
Biological Sciences Division: Dr A D Stirras. Computing: Mr T A Rodden. Environmental Science Division: Dr A M Binley. German Studies: Mr C D Townsend. History: Dr S P Pumfrey. Italian Studies: Ms F Cerefice. Law: Ms J E Gray, Mr R Rogowski, Mr P D Rush. Linguistics: Dr G A Myers. Mathematics: Dr A G Chetwynd. Music: Mr A Frogley. Physics: Dr A Krier. Psychology: Dr C N Lewis. Social Administration: Dr J Mason, Ms S Wise.

Grants
Biological sciences division: Professor T A Mansfield – £126,285 (supplement) from Institute of Terrestrial Ecology/Department of the Environment for study of the effects of acidic deposition on plants and soils.
Computing: Dr J R Nicol, Dr J Walpole, Dr G S Blair – £135,268 from SERC for study of a generalised object management system for a locally distributed multi-media design environment: Dr J A Self – £144,820 from EEC (Delta) for study of student model acquisition in a natural laboratory.
Cumbria and Lancashire archaeological unit: Dr J H Williams – grants from the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission: £47,100 for work at Burness Abbey 1989/90; £10,000 for work at Brougham Castle 1989/90; £24,973 for work at Ambleside Roman Fort 1989/90; £66,562 for study of Cumbria and Lancashire wetlands 1989/90.
Educational research: Dr P Goodyear – £113,566 from EEC (Delta) for work on tools and methods for a sophisticated knowledge-based authoring facility (TOSKA).

Loughborough
Professor Harry Thomason, senior pro-vice-chancellor, has been appointed to the newly-created post of director of external relations.

Polytechnic News

Liverpool
The Director of the newly formed School of Arts, Media and Design is Professor Roger Kaines Breakwell.

Awards
The following awards were presented at the annual degree ceremony:
Honorary Fellowships: Miss Carla Lane, Mr Geoffrey Piper, Professor Phil Redmond, Professor Ian Tracey, Sir Kenneth Stoddart.
CNAA Honorary Higher Doctorates: Doctor of Business Administration, Mr George Davies. Doctor of Business Administration, Mr Brian Wolfson. Doctor of Music, Maestro Libor Pesak. Honorary Professorships: Sir Graham Day, Dr Nigel Poole, Mr Phil Redmond, Mr Ian Tracey.

City of London
Elizabeth Reid has been appointed Deputy Provost. She is currently Deputy Director of Education (Further and Higher Education) at the Inner London Education Authority.

Leicester
At the recent Degree Ceremonies, the following honorary awards were conferred:
The Rt Hon The Viscount Tonypandy – Companionship of Leicester Polytechnic; His Hon Judge Geoffrey Jones – Senior Academic Fellow; Air Marshall Sir Reginald Harland KBE CB, Senior Academic Fellowship; Mr Peter Harveson, Senior Industrial Fellowship; Professor Paul-Emile Pilet, University of Lausanne, Doctorate of Science, CNAA.

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THE ARTS

Early warning

TELEVISION

Jasper Rees

Next in line for another look in this summer's rush of anniversaries is September 3, 1939. Last night a pair of BBC2 programmes stepped ahead of schedule to consider the Second World War's most inhumane crimes: the Holocaust and the Bomb.

At the core of *The Act* was a marvellously taut antithesis. Richard Langridge's contribution to the *ScreenPlay* series pitched two itinerant clowns into the humourless world of Nazism. Invited to what they gradually discovered was a concentration camp, to perform in what emerged as a play seething with anti-Semitic propaganda, the joke turned out to be on them. "I use entertainment," said their host, Captain Steiner. In this case he was also using entertainers.

But rather than take the part of the prosecuting counsel which Steiner offers him, in a dramatized show trial of God, one of the clowns is suicidally compelled to announce his long-concealed Jewish roots. In solidarity his Gentile colleague pulls out of the show, too, and *The Act* ends with them donning their clown costumes in readiness for the gas chamber.

The problem with portraying the devil of Nazism is that giving it any of the best tunes is not an option, which means that its opponents have to divide the good lines between them. "I can't go on like this," droned the Gentile clown. "You always say that," retorted the Jewish one – a nice way of subverting expectation, but sadly atypical. As the two clowns, Barry Jackson and Jack Shepherd skipped fretfully through a dialogue which lacked any real sense of dimension, while Kenneth Haigh made what he could of Steiner's hollow Nazi suavity.

Timewatch: Summer of the Bomb probed US motives for dropping the first atom bombs. Though they justified the decision in terms of lives saved by the prevention of further conflict, evidence has over the years emerged to suggest that President Truman knew Japan wanted peace, but launched the nuclear age anyway to flex American muscle in the face of Soviet expansionism.

A rather wooden cocktail of scholarly sleuthing and dramatic reconstruction, the programme still had its eye-opening moments. Briefing Truman at Potsdam on the successful first tests of the bomb, his crony James Byrnes eagerly related how a blind woman 200 miles from the explosion "saw the light" – a phrase not much less blasphemous than the Nazi notion of putting God in the dock.

SATURDAY

The Times in Edinburgh: David Robinson on directing the Film Festival.

Plus: the return of *My Country's Good* and *The Recruiting Officer*, in repertory

David Robinson discovers that the *Batman* ballyhoo conceals a story surprisingly faithful to the caped crusader's origins

A big hit with a straight bat

CINEMA

On June 23, Batman (12; Warner West End) opened in 2,100 cinemas across the United States. In the seven weeks since then, it has grossed more than $200 million in the domestic market alone – probably the fastest-earning product in industrial history.

It all began 50 years ago, when two 18-year-old students from the De Witt Clinton High School in the Bronx, Bob Kane and Bill Finger, contributed the first instalment of a new cartoon series to the May 1939 issue of *Detective Comics*. Kane has claimed that the principal inspiration came from movies, and particularly Douglas Fairbanks sen.'s *Mark of Zorro*; but there were a lot of comic-book precedents, characters with names like The Spider, The Shadow and even The Bat.

Batman's special distinction was that he had no superhuman powers, but worked his wonders in the fight against evil purely by means of highly trained physical prowess and advanced technology – most of it kept in his all-purpose belt. When he took off his cape and hood, he was human though handsome Bruce Wayne, a mixture of Robin Hood and Citizen Kane, the heir to fabulous fortunes. It was in the cause of avenging his parents, murdered before his 10-year-old eyes, that Wayne had fixed on his bizarre, not to say ostentatious, disguise.

Over the years, Batman built up a repertory company of adversaries, the most evil of whom was The Joker. The Joker's face, contorted by surgery into a permanent clown grin, was clearly inspired by film versions of *The Man Who Laughs*. In instalment 39, Batman adopted a pretty lad, Dick Grayson, who joined his exploits in the guise of Robin: the relationship caused a deal of innuendo.

In 1943 Batman made it to the screen, as a serial, followed by a second series in 1949. Meanwhile comic books were coming under censorship attack, and the Batman stories became softer and lighter on slaughter. In 1966 Batman and Robin enjoyed a new surge of popularity with a television series and a feature film. After that the craze faded rapidly, only to revive in the Eighties, with the production of a series of hard-back comics which revert to the darker, less camp character of Batman's early days.

The new blockbuster film version also reverts to the original spirit of Batman, once more engaged in truly lethal confrontation with The Joker, whose mindless plans include a holocaust of Gotham City by killer cosmetics and poison gas delivered by Daffy Duck balloons. The Joker's most repulsive scene, interestingly, is when he invades an art gallery and gleefully defaces some of the world's greatest art works. With Robin no longer in evidence, Batman, in his Bruce Wayne persona, is free for a somewhat casual love affair with a lady photographer (Kim Basinger).

Stories were never the strong point of *Batman*: what mattered were the incidents, the characters and the visual fantasy. Sam Hamm and Warren Skaaren's screenplay does not hang together very convincingly – characters come and go in an unpredictable way – but it serves its elementary purpose in bringing the antagonists into repeated contests of power and ingenuity.

Michael Keaton, who worked with the same director, Tim Burton, in *Beetlejuice*, is an amiable but somewhat smaller-than-life Batman, certainly alongside the rich excesses of Jack Nicholson's Joker, with his chalky, contorted face, bizarre costume and relentless quipping in the face of death.

The real stars of *Batman*, though, are the composer Danny Elfman and the production designer Anton Furst. Elfman's music, from the titles on, is calculated to generate maximum physical excitement to thrust the action forward. Prince's compositions, although highly successful in terms of best-selling records, contribute rather less.

Furst recreates the authentic world of pre-war comics. The action appears to be set in the near future, but this is the Gotham City AD2000 of the original comic, conceived in the year that the New York World's Fair offered the marvels of The City of Tomorrow.

The skyscrapers stretch up endlessly; between them the canyon streets are shadowed and sinister and full of evil things. Wayne's mansion too is so comic-strip bizarre that it is a shock to learn that it was largely filmed at Hatfield and Knebworth. The $35 million production was shot entirely in Britain, with Pinewood housing the biggest film set built in Europe since Cleopatra.

The enigma of the film's $200 million attraction remains. Many a picture has better writing and acting, truer characters, more exciting incidents, more authentic imaginative creations – and no less costly publicity. Yet something in *Batman* must appeal uniquely to the mass imagination.

Here is the archetypal conflict of right and wrong. Batman himself is folklore now; and there are borrowings from other films that are part of the heritage – as well as *Kane* and *Zorro*, *The Phantom of the Opera* looms in the tale of the Joker's vengeance.

Yet finally, perhaps, what *Batman* has in common with other films of our time that seem to satisfy the same truly universal appetite, is that they succeed in creating their own complete, hermetic worlds, protection for a couple of hours from present reality.

220 years older than *Batman*, *Robinson Crusoe* also still fascinates, and inspires new works and variations. Walon Green and Christopher Logue have collaborated on the script of *Crusoe* (15, Cannon Tottenham Court Road), which is directed by Caleb Deschanel.

Who needs Robin? Bruce Wayne/Batman (Michael Keaton) rescues his lover, Vicki Vale (Kim Basinger)

The story is moved to the early 19th century, and the new Crusoe (Aidan Quinn) is a Virginian slave trader. Shipwrecked, he learns to accommodate himself to life without the paraphernalia of civilization. He finds his Friday in the shape of a black man from a tribe given to human sacrifice. His attempts to educate (and thereby subjugate) the man are countered by the other's insistence on educating him to his culture.

It is basically a very sympathetic and contemporary parable about the humanist education of a "civilized" man by the "savage". Some truncation of the action suggests that it may have been severely edited down at some stage, which could explain the too jerky and hurried developments of the relationship, and of Crusoe's decline into craziness (clearly inspired by Buñuel's *Robinson Crusoe*).

Still, it is well crafted and pleasant to watch, with its handsome seascapes (presumably, to judge from the names on the credits, shot in Yugoslavia) and fine sailing craft. Aidan Quinn and Ade Sapara play their scenes together, communicating without verbal language, with humour and charm.

Eight years ago, Penelope Spheeris's musical documentary *The Decline of Western Civilization* examined Los Angeles punk rock culture. Now – with many of the participants in her first film dead – *Decline of Western Civilization Part II: The Metal Years* (15, at the ICA) surveys the heavy metal music scene.

It is, it must be said, something of a dead end. The giggly practitioners she interviews are not great talkers, and are mostly narrowly preoccupied with sex, drink and drugs (for or against), make-up and hair-dos, hitting the big-time, yearnings for immortality like the other stars in this enclosed world, little known to outsiders. They are more articulate in performance, which is often.

The most telling parts are the cosy realism of the English-born star Ozzy Osbourne, pottering away over his hot stove; and the pitiful Chris Holmes, watched over by his glazed-eyed mother as he floats drunk and fully dressed in his pool, pouring quarts of vodka down his throat and blurting alcoholic sentiments of self-hatred and omens of death.

Is that a Rowan Atkinson with the chainsaw?

In the first of our special reports from the 1989 Edinburgh Festival,

Kristina Woolnough surveys the prospects for the Fringe

Critics and punters alike love sniping at the Edinburgh Fringe. There are the annual complaints that the satire was sharper, the Ibsen bleaker, the street happenings zanier, the church halls seedier, back in the good old 1960s. The grumbles are as much part of being at the world's largest open-to-all arts festival as the masochistic pleasure of realizing that one has bought a ticket for a terrible show.

This year, so far, the censorious voices have been strangely silent, yet they have as much reason for complaint as in the past. There is an over-abundance of cabaret, and much of the theatre is unimaginatively chosen. Moreover, some of the Fringe performers take such a heavy, professional attitude to Edinburgh, and charge such hefty ticket prices, that they might as well be in the official festival.

Though the Fringe is meant to be spontaneous, original and innovative, many cabaret acts and plays have been well tested elsewhere. Some performers, already basking in the glow of commercial success, are guaranteed full houses. For them, Edinburgh in August simply adds a little *avant garde* piquancy to their established careers.

This year more than any other, companies have made concerted efforts to present preview shows all over Britain. Fringe regulars like the Joan Collins Fan Club, Donna & Kebab, Jeremy Hardy and Will Gaines are warming up at the South Bank Advance Warning Festival, while other familiar names and Fringe safe-bets (Hull Truck, Oxford Review, Earl Okin) are appearing at the Newcastle Arts Festival's *See It First In Newcastle* season. With a modicum of success on the Fringe already assured, the concept of risk may have flown forever. Post-Fringe festivals also confirm that the visit to Edinburgh is now just part of the professional circuit.

One of Archaos, with chainsaw

The feeling of hand-me-down clothes is hard to shake off. Yet Fringe administrator, Mhairi Mackenzie Robinson takes a more positive line: "I suppose it's good publicity for the Fringe, and it helps to build up impetus before the Fringe starts."

The Fringe Society, exclusively an organisational body, has no control over what performers do before coming to Edinburgh or over what they bring to Edinburgh. The open door policy is frequently misunderstood by the public. "People assume that I go round in the winter seeing shows and picking them out. Once people understand the free and open nature of the Fringe,they seem to feel better and they realize they have to take the rough with the smooth," says Mackenzie Robinson.

But for all the laboured presentations of Shakespeare, the re-writes of Joan of Arc's life and the hip productions of Berkoff, there are still unexpected nuggets. With 500 companies appearing, the Fringe is huge enough to defy generalization. Most of the performers are not polished professionals, and their offerings will be as unruly and unpredictable as ever. What is more, the surprises may not always be edifying. The number of times "bonk" appears in this year's programme is quite unprecedented.

Amongst the current crop, promising perverseness if nothing else, is the "comedy" double act God and Jesus, whose press release runs "Attention scum, you are nothing. Absolutely nothing." There is a bizarre clutch of plays taking Siamese twins as their subject. And of course there is the usual crop of feminist interpretations: this year, Andy Pandy, Windy Miller and Punch and Judy get the radical chic treatment.

The "spot the new Rowan Atkinson" game retains its fascination for both public and press. Tips for front runners this year include Red Shift's *Frida and Diego – A Love Story* (reportedly performed in a cattle truck), Theatre Caddis's *Eric*, the chainsaw-wielding biker circus Archaos and comedy duo Robert Llewelyn and John McKay.

But at some point in the next three weeks a kind of buzz will go round the bars and restaurants about an amazing, unknown newcomer, and another star might be made. That is what the Fringe is all about.

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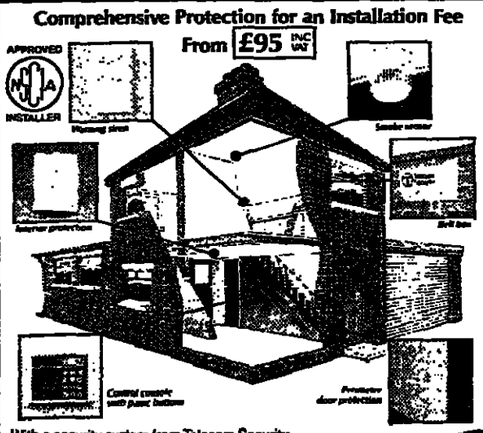

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THEATRE

A Flea in her Ear
Old Vic

Since Jacques Charon's legendary 1966 version of this farce, the name of Georges Feydeau has been steadily accumulating cultural weight as a progenitor of surrealism and the absurdists and a man whose insight into human cruelty might have given the world another *King Lear* if he had not happened to write funny plays. Richard Jones (director of *Too Clever By Half*, the most brilliant show in last year's Old Vic season) has taken all this on board; and there is nothing to connect this nightmare version of *A Flea in her Ear* with the brilliant but unassuming staging 23 years ago.

The programme even carries a passage of Kafka, and it is easy to see why. Chandebise, Feydeau's hero, is a man who awakens one day to find he is impotent. Given the all-important place of virility in Feydeau's world, his case is equivalent to that of the Kafka hero who awoke one day to find himself changed into a cockroach.

Settings (by the Brothers Quay) are in a vein of matchwood expressionism: dull grey lattice-work for Chandebise's office apartment, and grimy black when the action moves to the Hotel du Minet-Galant, where numbered cells lead off ramshackle stairs, suggesting a house of correction rather than a house of pleasure. The sight of the two wives – Linda Marlowe and Rose English – peacocking through these dream environments in their *belle époque* finery is like flesh and blood creatures invading a fantastic picture book.

Piquant collisions of that kind exemplify the show's disorienting purposes. Jones also exploits the sets as a trampoline: when Mme Chandebise arrives at the hotel she is greeted by a maid hanging upside down from the banisters; the lecherous Antoinette's pursuit of the speech-impaired Camille sends him scurrying like a monkey up a vertiginous ladder, and running over the furniture without breaking his stride. Phelim McDermott's performance is spellbindingly acrobatic, besides its stunning vocal gymnastics.

Other performances also take your breath away. Kevin Williams's fiery Spanish husband is another, flashing mouthfuls of gold as he denies his jealousy in an ear-splitting screech. Then there is Matthew Scurfield's monstrous hotel proprietor, an ogreish Humpty Dumpty incessantly practising push-ups and splits.

If farce consisted of no more than a sequence of dazzling turns, this production would be a masterpiece. It is wonderfully attention-grabbing; but it directs your attention to the immediate moment, rather than to the development of the plot. You could describe it as a Germanic variation on a French original; emphasizing the squalor, ugliness and cruelty that are certainly present in Feydeau, but siphoning off the *joie de vivre*. Jim Broadbent, marvellously doubling as the hero and the gormless hotel porter, is finally left cowering before a chorus of grotesque mockers. A fascinating experiment; but not worth trying again.

Irving Wardle

PROMS

BBC SSO/ Maksymiuk
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Jerzy Maksymiuk, now in his fifth season as principal conductor of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, first won fame by an irregular, typically Polish route. He persuaded friends to play for *ad hoc* opera performances in Warsaw; they started to dabble in orchestral music, began touring as the Polish Chamber Orchestra, and suddenly in the mid-1970s (almost by accident, it seemed) had become one of the world's top chamber ensembles.

Now Maksymiuk is older, balder, yet no less sparky. But his flamboyance is harnessed to meticulous preparation. Give or take a few odd choral dynamics in Mozart's "Coronation" Mass and some uncertain entries by the generally rather docile Scottish Philharmonic Singers in the treacherous serial swamps of Webern's Cantata No. 2, this was an admirably controlled and imaginative demonstration from the Pole and his Scots. They even made something cogent out of a bizarre sandwich of a concert: the last works of Berg and Webern, flanked by Mozart.

By Webern's miniaturist standards the Cantata No. 2 is a whopper. Nearly 15 minutes long, it uses chorus (mostly for a weird, ultra-complex canon in the final movement) as well as soprano and baritone soloists. But it actually works best when Webern is at his least epic and hence most characteristic. Where the soloists (Penelope Walmsley-Clark and David Wilson-Johnson, both superbly assured) are floating lines of strange, half-languid tension against the barest wisps of instrumental colour, one can forget the batty nature-mysticism of Hildegard Jone's poetry ("an inner life sings in the beehive at the hush of midnight") and simply absorb the music's supple, sensuous beauty.

Maksymiuk conducted this with fine fluidity and supervised an impeccably sympathetic accompaniment for György Pauk in Berg's Violin Concerto. Pauk may not have quite enough power to tear the heart out of this tragedy at its most violent moments. But power is not essential to project music which is not ultimately about pain and death, but about an abiding memory of beauty which transcends grief. Pauk's restrained eloquence brought nobility to this most poignant of requiems.

Richard Morrison

WORLD MUSIC

Turned out nice again

King Sunny Ade
Hackney Empire

Shortly before King Sunny Ade and his band took the stage on Tuesday a song called "Kingsize Papa", recorded by Julia Lee in 1947, played over the PA system. The last time I heard this tune was in a small village in Bali two months ago. The effect of this demonstration of what world music is all about was compounded by the strange contrast of London's Nigerians, dressed up in their colourful robes and hats, against the exotic though tarnished Edwardian orientalisms and golden cherubs of Hackney's remarkable variety theatre.

Ade was once in the vanguard of African music in this country. His Nigerian followers, accustomed to having him to themselves, were chagrined to find "sold out" notices on the doors of the Lyceum Ballroom when Ade played his first fully promoted concert in 1983. A contract with Island Records led to fulsome praise and ecstatic audiences, but interest in his Yoruban ju-ju music gradually cooled.

As with all his concerts, the musicians came on gradually, adding contributions until the whole 13-piece band was interlocked. Four singers fronted the whole seething, rhythmic mass and, finally, the King himself appeared wearing a green and white outfit with knee-high boots. Ade was his familiar self, playing those unique stinging guitar figures and convoluted themes, leading the vocals and directing the band, but the music seemed more raucous than before.

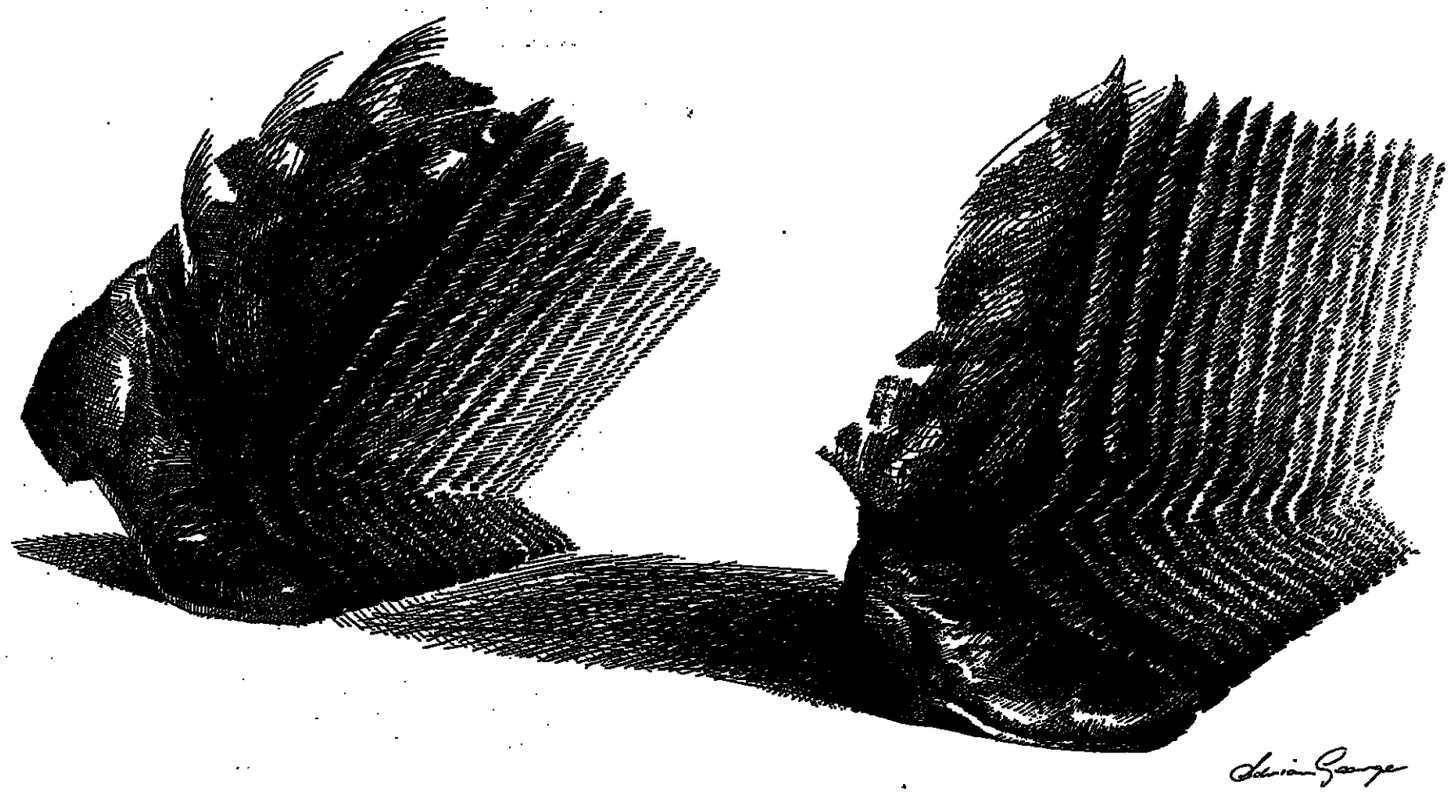
Songs lasted five minutes rather than the expected half-an-hour and each one of them was preceded by much larking about. Certain aspects, however, remained the same, like Abiodun Faroke's gliding pedal steel guitar lines, and within an hour King Sunny had his musicians locked in a groove. Talking drums erupted like volcanoes, guitars twanged and the keyboard player somehow made his two Japanese digital synthesizers sound not unlike the cheap Sixties organ sound of The Doors.

By this point the Nigerian devotees were tired of pretending they were at the Old Time Music Hall and were dancing in the aisles; they were joined by tall bony white boys, who looked more suited to dancing to Morrissey. But the King was back.

David Toop

BOOKS

William Jackson inspects the professionalism and perseverance of the British soldier



Thin red line of 'eroes

GENTLEMEN IN KHAKI
The British Army 1890-1990
By John Strawson
Secker & Warburg, £16.95

If you are sated with the current literary fashion of feminism, sex-equality, and sexuality, why not turn, at least briefly, to the male chauvinism of soldiering at its best for momentary relief? John Strawson's *Gentlemen in Khaki* – the story of the British Army over the last hundred years from 1890 to 1990 – provides just such relief. It is an excellent read: lightly and elegantly written by one of that rare breed of men, the literary and battle-experienced regular soldier.

Strawson's book is not about strategy or tactics: it is the story of the soldiers, be they generals or Thomas Atkins, who made the Army's history from Omdurman to the Falklands; from the bazaars of India, and the souks of the Middle East, to the streets of Belfast; and through the two World Wars to the deterrent readiness of BAOR. Through it runs the theme of the pricelessness of the regimental system. In this age of high technology, it is fashionable to question that system's continuing validity. Navies and Air Forces do not use it; nor do any other armies outside the British Commonwealth. So why do the British military cling so avidly to it?

John Strawson's book provides the answers, and is one of the best vindications yet written of the Army's determination to maintain its cherished system that has carried it through so many disasters to ultimate victory – disasters almost invariably caused by Britain's reluctance to match military expenditure to political requirements.

The story starts at "The High Noon of Empire" with Winston Churchill – the future Colonel of John Strawson's own regiment, the 4th Hussars, a man whose dominant presence is felt throughout the book – charging with the 21st Lancers at Omdurman. His pen pictures of the actors are hard to beat. Of Kitchener he says, "The most pushing, opinionated, and unscrupulous soldier in the British Army until the advent of Henry Wilson in the First World War and Montgomery in the Second".

The Army, boldly led and reasonably well equipped, was almost unbeatable in imperial skirmishing, but it faltered against the Boers in South Africa. Although the subsequent Haldane reforms belatedly brought the General Staff into being, it was the regimental spirit that enabled it to emerge victorious from the agonies of Ypres, the Somme, and Passchendaele. The British soldiers fought, as Ludendorff said, like lions, but were led, as Colonel Hoffmann replied, by donkeys – well-meaning donkeys, the majority of whom had not studied their profession above regimental level and still gloried in being gentlemen rather than players. In most units the main concern of both officers and men was that their regiment should do well. This was the bond that held all ranks together, however grim the conditions might be.

In the Second World War, the regimental soldier had to bear the brunt in inadequate resources but not poor generalship. The regimental commanders of the First World War had become the military leaders in the Second, and this made all the difference. Brooke, Alexander, Montgomery, Slim, and their colleagues had learnt their soldiering in the mud and massacres of Flanders, and were determined to spare the Army another senseless bloodbath by becoming masters of their profession. Under their leadership, the regiments reinforced their traditions with some of their greatest achievements.

Strawson does not ignore the equally great feats of the Indian Army, nor the unstinting support provided by the other Commonwealth Armies that fought in the Boer and two World Wars under British overall command. They shared disasters such as Gallipoli, Kut, Greece and Crete, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Burma, as well as the ultimate triumphs. And they depended just as much upon their versions of the regimental system to carry them through the most difficult periods of world conflict. He rightly praises those very special members of both the Indian and British Armies, the Gurkhas, for their great contribution to the success of British arms throughout the century from Younghusband's expedition to Lhasa in 1904 to the Falklands in 1982.

By the 1950s the Army was back to imperial skirmishing, apart from its exemplary performance in the all-out war in Korea. Its efforts were otherwise bent on defeating the Communist terrorists in Malaya, the Mau Mau in Kenya, the EOKA in Cyprus, while, at the same time, standing guard with its Nato colleagues in Western Europe. Its units were filled out with National Servicemen, who imbibed the traditions of their regiments or corps just as surely as the regulars.

After the political disaster of Suez, and with National Service gone, the Army carried through the withdrawal from Empire as a highly professional regular force, winning the Borneo, Radfan, and Dhofar campaigns, and bearing the brunt of the premature announcements by the British Government of their intention to withdraw from Aden.

Strawson's story ends at full cycle with the Army in Northern Ireland instead of on the North West Frontier of India, and fighting the Falklands Campaign instead of Omdurman. In his summing up, he suggests that perseverance has been the Army's hallmark: perseverance that forced the Boers to the conference table; that triumphed, in the end, in Flanders; that brought mastery in the Western Desert, in Normandy, and in Burma; that prevented Britain's withdrawal from Empire becoming an undignified scramble to abandon political commitments; and that is now so evident in its work in Ulster.

But he also appreciates that military service today within the confines of Europe does not provide the challenges that inspired the perseverance of the old soldiers. Hard, imaginative training in exercise areas around the world, with ample ammunition for weapons, track mileage for the armour vehicles, and flying hours for the helicopters, is vital to the preservation of Britain's military heritage.

Between 1890 and 1990, the Army has been continually in action. It may have lost some battles; it rarely lost a campaign; and it never lost a war. In Strawson's view, its success has been based on a taste for duty, service, loyalty, honour, the sheer calibre of Thomas Atkins, a commitment to do the task in hand well, much of it all springing from the priceless regimental system. Most of those who have belonged to Kipling's *Gentlemen in Khaki* would agree.

Look at our poor bleeding planet

Woodrow Wyatt

WORLD CONFLICTS
Why and where they are happening
By Patrick Brogan
Bloomsbury, £19.95

Patrick Brogan wryly observes: "The world outside Europe is a much less peaceful place than it was when five or six European capitals governed all Africa, the Middle East, India, and Central and South-East Asia – and, before 1821, South America as well." That was when we had the Gatling gun and they had not. They did not know how lucky they were. Over 30 years ago, making a *Panorama* programme, I put to a Cypriot Makarios supporter that if the revolt against the British succeeded, the standard of living would go down. "The spirit of freedom has nothing to do with the standard of living," he replied.

Alas, it has not. Tribal enmities, ethnic hatreds, the unchanging desire to conquer and take land from others, erupt when the restraints of an overwhelming outside power are removed. The furies and the fights are compounded if the successor administrations are grossly incompetent and corrupt, as they so frequently are. Starvation and disease wield as much or more death and suffering as the murdering guns of soldiers and guerrillas. Brogan cites a refugee official in Sudan in April 1988: "They're walking skeletons." Another: "They compare poorly with pictures of Nazi concentration camp victims." It was not so bad under the British.

Unfortunately the desolated areas of the world are stiff with guns, and the users of them are not constrained by fear of comprehensive retaliation and annihiliation, which would come if their opponents had nuclear weapons. Lucky Europe has been peaceful since 1945. Situations that once could easily have led to armed conflicts and another great war have not, because of the Damocles sword of nuclear weapons. Also, the western European nations have decided to live amicably together, not merely because of the common danger they perceive from Russia, but from a final realization of the arid nullity of the past mutual ravaging.

As Mr Brogan demonstrates with fearful clarity this message has not yet been received in many parts of the globe. The civilization of man is still distant. His innate cruelty remains quick to determine his behaviour. It is horrible when children die in agony from ill treatment, or women are tortured in the course of a robbery, as too often happens here. It is catastrophic when large groups, countries and governments behave similarly. Millions have been killed in Vietnam in the name of one ideology or another, and the killings go on. Iran and Iraq cannot calculate how many have been destroyed in their pointless war. Chad, Central America, Lebanon, Sri Lanka – the catalogue of victims is endless. Sometimes one wishes that a philosopher king would arise to control the world and compel the feuding factions to stop their nihilism. It is a vain hope. We are not yet many years away from Hitler's holocaust and Stalin's liquidations, or many days from the shootings in Peking.

Mr Brogan has brilliantly assembled the explanations for the conflagrations that beset the globe. Area by area, he analyses what went wrong. His is a most useful work for examining mankind's psychological diseases. He is fair and objective, but it could not be his intention to offer cures, as he understands that in many instances there are none. For instance there is no way that the Protestants of Northern Ireland will be reconciled to rule from Dublin, or the IRA will stop terrorism with the aim of ending partition. It will be long before Israel and her Arab neighbours will live in permanent peace.

There is so much irrational rage among men, and it is not always a simple matter of greed for or envy of others' possessions. Still burdened with the superstitions of his ancestors of millions of years ago, man stays chained to fanatical beliefs in religions or quasi-religions like fascism or communism, and their bogus panaceas, and is ridiculously prepared to die or murder for them. Democracy, the freedom to think and act individually as one wishes, is an antidote, but even now it is not accepted in much of the world. However, there are signs here and there in Russia, and even in China, that democracy may eventually supplant the doctrines that spawn cruelty and suffering for the wronged, underfed, and undereducated majority of the world.

NEW BOOKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

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The Great Revolt of 1381, by Sir Charles Oman (Greenhill Books, £14.95) 1906 classic on revolting peasants against poll tax, reissued.

The Gladstones, 1839-1889, Portrait of a family, by Penelope Gladstone (Thomas Lyster, £10.50) The GOM seen as paterfamilias.

A Say in the End of the World, Morals and British nuclear weapons policy, 1941-1987, by Roger Ruston (Oxford, £15) Moral theologian.

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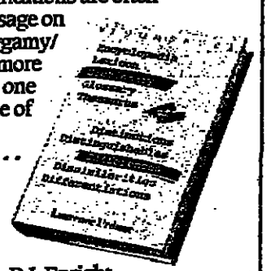

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THE TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

Can this really be the way the world ends?

FICTION

Bryan Appleyard

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THE BROKEN BUBBLE
By Philip K. Dick
Gollancz, £12.95

THE LEGEND OF THE HOLY DRINKER
By Joseph Roth
Chatto & Windus, £7.95

HERSELF IN LOVE
By Marianne Wiggins
Secker & Warburg, £13.95

Jeremy Reed is nothing if not ambitious. **Red Eclipse**, though a mere 160 pages, manages to include – with long extracts – a lost journal of Baudelaire's mistress, an amateur cracksman, psychokinesis, telephathy, and a startling quantity of natural history. Meanwhile the world appears to be ending, and no single character is entirely anchored in space and time.

This last element, of course, is scarcely new in the modern novel; but it is certainly new in this context. For Reed's concern is not with the narrative crisis of the *nouveau roman*, nor primarily with the mythopoeic aspirations of magic realism. He is, rather, a fictional imagist whose effects arise from the juxtaposition of disparate elements. In this novel the effect is intensified by the overpowering sense of separation to which the characters are subject. "Everything was like that," muses one, "you live separately in a world of individuated species, none of whom shared a vision in common."

So one pursues Baudelaire, one theft, one psi-forces, and one book-collecting. They interfere with one another but do not communicate, and, outside, a bloody and haunted nature observes from afar. If it does not quite work, it is for the same reason I feel that Reed's poetry still seems a little indistinct – his language is not up to his ambitions. For this project we need a combination of Firbank and Poe, and, for the moment, Reed is not that.

Philip K. Dick's posthumously published novel, **The Broken Bubble**, is a straight realist number set in San Francisco in 1956. Dick's reputation is based upon his science fiction which, among many experts, is regarded as the best of its time. For me its ingenuity and resonance were invariably spoiled by the deadness of tone, and the somewhat unexamined pessimism of its mood. *The Broken Bubble* is not SF, but shares those shortcomings. It concerns a disc jockey who resigns from his local radio station on a matter of principle, his ex-wife, and a young, rather vacant, couple with whom they become embroiled. The narrative meanders over an abyss. The dialogue is heard as if in an underground car park; and incident is gratuitously incoherent.

About half-way through, however, this starts to work. We realize that the book has so fully taken on the condition of its characters that the manner is closely following the hopeless driftings that are all their lives have become. In classic American style they can glimpse salvation here – "Nothing fixed. She could be anything she wanted. This was the edge." – but the human reality is that such constant motion means damnation. This is not quite enough to make it a good novel, and Dick's way with character and structure is infuriatingly casual. But there is *something* perhaps unique, and perhaps enough to lead one back to the SF.

Joseph Roth's **The Legend of the Holy Drinker** is another posthumous publication. It first appeared in German in 1939, and has now been translated by Michael Hofmann to coincide with the release of Ermanno Olmi's film version. In truth it is no more than a long short story, but it is worth the cover price if only to sample a fragment of strange and crazy perfection. It concerns a drunk in Paris who is subjected to a series of blissfully happy accidents that keep him for a period in sex, drink, food, and accommodation until he dies smiling – "May God grant us all, all of us drinkers, such a good and easy death!" Alcoholism killed Roth in 1939.

The book is not *about* drink so much as suffused with it. Andreas, the hero, is placed far beyond normal society and reaction by alcohol, and the entire rhythm of the story has all the disjunctive, feckless, perpetually unsurprised mood of acceptance of a summer pub crawl. Roth, conceivably because he was in much the same state, never stands back to look at this. Rather he simply accepts the logic of the drunk for the logic of his story. The effect is light, happy and – I speak from limited experience – true. In Hofman's translation it also has a kind of tottering gentility. The moral is, of course, the pay-off line I quoted.

The formidable reception accorded Marianne Wiggins's novel *John Dollar* has prompted the reissue of her short story collection, **Herself in Love**, with the addition of four new stories. The collection displays an astonishing stylistic range, which is some relief after the carefully crafted uniformity of the mountains of "Dirty Realist" American fiction being published. Wiggins is perhaps less averse than the DRs to the idea of literature and, where necessary, to the ambitiously grand effect. The doubt is that it is all a little too finished, a little too closed. One is seldom startled or staggered and, for all the accomplishment, there is a certain disabling literary tact which just too assiduously eliminates, for want of better terms, risk and accident. We know too clearly, too early what she is talking about.

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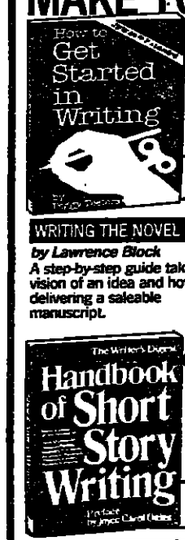

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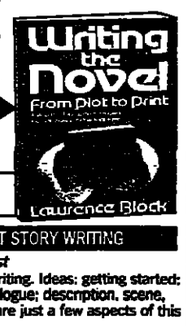

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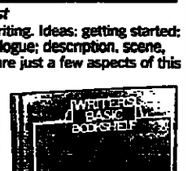

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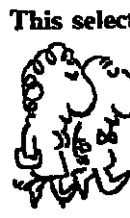

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★ **ANYTHING GOES:** Elaine Paige getting a kick out of Cole Porter's hit musical: shipboard romance, intrigue and "You're the Top".
Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton St, W1 (01-734 8951). Tube: *Leicester Square* Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 2.30-4.45pm, £9-£22.

☆ **BEAST INCARNATE:** *Masque*, from Worcester Massachusetts, in a one-hour original drama with music. Preview of Edinburgh Festival show.
Jacksons Lane Community Centre, Archway Road, N6 (01-341 2581). Today only, 2pm. Free.

☆ **EAST OF THE ELEPHANT:** Vicky Ireland's play, based on *Twelfth Night*, for five-to-10-year-olds, given 11 daytime performances.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (01-486 2431). Tonight, tomorrow and Aug 14, 15, 17, 18 at 2.30pm; Aug 17, 19 also at 11am. £3.

☆ **A FLEA IN HER EAR:** Jim Broadbent, Linda Marlowe, Roger Lloyd Pack, in the classic Feydeau farce, using John Mortimer's translation, directed by Richard Jones.
The Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £4-£15, mats £3-£12. **(D)**

☆ **HENCEFORWARD:** Martin Jarvis and Joanna van Gyseghem in excellent Ayckbourn set in a future London serviced by willing robots.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8.30-10.50pm; *Mats Wed 2.30-4.50pm and Sat 5-7.20pm*. £7.50-£15.

☆ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Carole Shelley and Helen Ryan in Peter Shaffer's long-running comedy in which two unlikely partners wage eccentric war against the modern world.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube. Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15. **(D)**

☆ **MARAT/SADE:** National Youth Theatre, directed by Edward Wilson, in Adrian Mitchell and Geoffrey Skelton's English adaptation of Peter Weiss's famously provocative view of the aftermath of the French Revolution. First *West End production since Peter Brook's for the RSC*.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (01-839 4401). Mon-Sat at 8pm; mats Sat at 3pm. £5-£10. Until Aug 26.

☆ **PIMBAI CIRCO MINIMO:** Trapeze, gymnastics, mime, drama and circus, to the accompaniment of Erik Satie's music and Georg Buchner's words. Edinburgh Festival preview.
Hoxton Hall, Hoxton Street, N1 (01-739 5431). Tonight only 8pm.

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: Exclusive: Paul Scofield, Eileen Atkins, Alec McCowen, Jeffry Wickham, Steven Pacey head a cast of more than a dozen in Jeffrey Archer's new play, directed by Michael Rudman. Set in the world of national newspapers.
Theatre Royal (0225 448844). Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat 8pm, £5-£13. Until Aug 19.

CHELTENHAM: The Importance of Being Earnest: Martin Houghton directs the Wilde comedy.
Everyman (0242 572573). Mon-Fri 6.45pm, Sat 8pm, £4.50-£9.50. Until Sep 2.

FILMS

■ *Also on national release*
☎ Advance booking possible

■ **BEACHES (15):** Comic-cum-tearful story of two childhood friends – lower-class Bette Midler and rich kid Barbara Hershey. Directed by Garry Marshall (124 min).
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.55, 6.05.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 5.20, 8.10.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 3.15, 5.50, 8.25.

THE 'BURBS (PG): Comic slice of suburban paranoia from *Gremlins* director Joe Dante, with Tom Hanks, Bruce Dern and Rick Ducommun as suburbanites obsessed with their strange new neighbours (102 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 8.25.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 4.05, 6.35, 9 10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.35.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45. Late Fri, Sat 12.00.

■ **DANGEROUS LIAISONS (15):** Glenn Close and John Malkovich star in Stephen Frears's film of lust and intrigue in 18th-century France (120 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Rd** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15.
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■ **DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS (PG):** Funny re-make of the 1964 *Bedtime Story* with Steve Martin and Michael Caine as two competing con-men on the French Riviera. Directed by Frank Oz (110 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 6.55, 9.25
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 5.50, 8.20.

■ **DO THE RIGHT THING (18):** A stifling hot 24 hours in Brooklyn, when petty disagreements turn into a full scale riot (120 min).
☎ *Empire (01-437 1234). Progs*: 1.00, 3.45, 6.45, 9.30.

The adventurous stylist

William McTaggart (1835-1910) was a contemporary of the French Impressionists and had similar Naturalist ambitions for his work. *His last coastal* scenes, executed wholly in the open air on the west coast, are chiefly responsible for winning him a belated reputation as Scotland's greatest *landscape* painter. A major new exhibition sets out to demonstrate just how great he was. Needless to say, at the time, the energy and freshness of his *sketchy* brushwork attracted criticism for being slap-dash and he was accused of trying to conceal bad drawing. The truth was that conventional Victorian notions of good drawing were incapable of conveying the immediacy sought by McTaggart in his depiction of rough seas and changeable weather. He began his career in pre-*Raphaelite* vein with *detailed, anecdotal subjects* evoked in glossy, high-key colours. Many of these early pictures feature children playing in pastures and making posies, as in the much freer "Corn in the Ear" (above). Though an adventurous stylist, McTaggart, being romantically inclined, was also traditional and his scenes frequently refer back to memories of his childhood on the Mull of Kintyre. The Royal Scottish Academy, Princes Street, Edinburgh (031 556 8921), from tomorrow, Monday to Saturday, 10am-5pm, Sunday 2-5pm, £2.50, until October 29. *David Lee*

Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 3.10, 6.00, 8.25. Late Sat 11.15.

■ **HELLBOUND – HELLRAISER II (18):** Sequel to the Clive Barker body horror film with Clare Higgins, Ashley Laurence and Imogen Boorman (93 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.15, 8.35.

HOW TO GET AHEAD IN ADVERTISING (15): Bizarre satirical comedy from Bruce Robinson (writer-director of *Withnail and I*), with Richard E. Grant as an advertising hot-shot undone by a boil on his neck (93 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 2.35, 4.40, 6.45, 8.55.

■ **INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE (PG):** Steven Spielberg's latest box office hit starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery (127 min).
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Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.00, 5.45, 8.25.

■ **LICENCE TO KILL (15):** Timothy Dalton returns as James Bond on a mission of vengeance in Latin America. A superior adventure directed by John Glen (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.50, 6.15, 9 10.
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Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 11 10, 2.20, 5.35, 8.50.
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 11.30, 2.40, 6.00, 9.15.

POLICE ACADEMY 6: CITY UNDER SIEGE (PG): Yet more comedy from the Police Academy team as they go in search of a villain involved with burglary and real estate fraud. Directed by Peter Bonerz, with Bubba Smith, David Graf, Michael Winslow and Leslie Easterbrook (84 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 6.40, 9.00.
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☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.05, 7.05, 9.05.

RUNNING ON EMPTY (15): Powerful family drama, with Christine Lahti and Judd Hirsch as former radicals wanted by the FBI. Directed by Sidney Lumet (117 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 4.10, 6.45, 9.25.
Cannon Haymarket (01-938 7697). Progs 2.45, 5.35, 8.25.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.55, 5.35, 8.15.

CONCERTS

☆ **UPWARDLY MOBILE:** Bradley Creswick (violin) solos in Vaughan Williams's *The Lark Ascending* with the Northern Sinfonia who also play Tippett's Fantasia Concertante on a Theme of Corelli. The Richard Hickox *Singers are co-opted for Vivaldi's Gloria* and Bach's *Magnificat*. The conducting is by Richard Hickox.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212), 7.30pm, £3-£11.

OPERA

☆ **THE BARTERED BRIDE:** Harry Kupfer's robust Smetana production presented by the Komische Oper, East Berlin as part of their first ever visit to Britain.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.15pm, £2.50-£75.

★ **LE NOZZE DI FIGARO:** The chief attractions of Peter Hall's somewhat muddled Glyndebourne production are Felicity Palmer's Marcellina and Simon Rattle who drives the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment robustly through Mozart's day of caprice and folly.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111). 5-9.55pm, *returns only*.

☆ **IL PITTOR PARIGINO:** A Cimarosa rarity offered by the Buxton Festival as *the first British staging since the composer's lifetime*. Production is by Malcolm Fraser.
Opera House, Buxton, Derbyshire (0298 72190). 7.45-10.15pm, £6.50-£25.

ROCK

KEITH LE BLANC AND TACKHEAD SOUNDS FEATURING ADRIAN SHERWOOD: The combination of Le Blanc, the drummer who powered many early rap hits, and the inspired dub *mixing of Sherwood is a loud and* exhilarating experience.
Power Haus, Liverpool Road, London N1 (01-837 3218) 7.30pm £4.

GOD'S LITTLE MONKEYS: Post punk political folk music from a quartet capable of both high energy thrashing and rich acapella harmonies.
The Acorn, Penzance, Parade Street (0736 65520) 8.30pm £3.

DARE: Moody leather jacketed quintet whose dramatic pop rock song, *"Abandon", is currently in the lower* reaches of the charts.
Parr Hall, Warrington (0925 34958) 8pm £4.50.

JAZZ

☆ **SCOTT HAMILTON:** The American tenor player provides sumptuous re-creations of mainstream standards. Backing from *the Brian Lemon Trio*.
Pizza Express, 32 Earl St, Maidstone (0622 683540) 8.30pm, ring for prices.

☆ **HORACE SILVER:** Glorious Blue Note classics alongside less inspired evangelical songs such as "Music to *Ease Your Disease". Support this week* from the Stan Tracey Quintet.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2). To Sat.

☆ **LEVEL TWO:** A quartet featuring *baritone saxophonist* George Haslam and avant-garde trombonist Paul Rutherford. Their new collaboration 1989 *And All That* has just been released on Haslam's Slam label.
Vortex Jazz Bar, 139 Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 (01-254 6516) *8.30pm, £3*.

DANCE

★ **LES SYLPHIDES:** The Bolshoi Ballet in Fokine's work with *Raymonda* Act III and short show piece numbers.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161) 7.30pm standing £8.50 and returns.

GALLERIES

RUSKIN AND THE ENGLISH WATERCOLOUR: Paintings by the critic and those he admired, especially "the greatest of the age" J.M.W. Turner.
Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton St, London SE1 (01-928 7521), Tues 10am-8pm, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, £1, until Sept 10.

TIME AND MOTION: Recent sculptures involving movement, sound and light including work by eccentric Nigerian *artist Sokari Douglas Camp*.
Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (091 232 7734), Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, free, until Sept 27.

TINTIN: 250 original drawings by Belgian cartoonist Hergé.
Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Rd, London SW3 (01-836 2352), daily 10am-8pm, £2, until Aug 27.

QUILTS: A selection from the Ulster Folk Museum.
Arts Council Gallery, Bedford St, Belfast (0232 321402), Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Sept 2.

CONNIE SIMMERS: Paintings of Portuguese landscape in the style of the Scottish Colourists.
Flying Colours Gallery, 35 William St, Edinburgh (031 225 6776), Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Sept 9.

HELEN BRADLEY (1900-1979): A retrospective of naive paintings depicting Oldham life early this century.
Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, Cumbria *(0539 22464), Mon-Fri 10.30am-5pm*, Sat-Sun 2-5pm, free, until Sept 3.

SCATTER: A blurring of boundaries between media is the hallmark of works by eight young artists selected to represent new developments in Scottish art.
Third Eye Centre, 346 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow (041 332 7521), Tues-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until *Aug 27*.

ANSELM KIEFER: New paintings and sculptures by a great post-war German *artist whose huge works reflect* powerfully on the recent history of his homeland.
Anthony d'Offay Gallery, 9 Dering St, London W1 (01-499 4100), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Aug 19.

WALKS

A WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Meet Baker Street tube, 2.30pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

A GHOST PUB WALK: *Meet Temple* tube, 7.35pm, £3.50 (01-669 4019).

LEGAL LONDON – INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: Meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £3 (01-937 4281).

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON: Meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3 (01-937 4281).

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHARLES DICKENS: Meet Farringdon tube, 10.30am, £3 (01-882 3414).

AROUND TOWER HILL: Meet Tower Hill tube, 2.30pm, £3 (01-882 3414).

OTHER EVENTS

APPLEBY AGRICULTURAL SHOW: Cattle, sheep, horses, *goats, poultry*. Also showjumping, ponies, parades of vintage tractors and vehicles, a *horticultural section*, trade stands, and *full refreshments*. Judging starts 10am. **Appleby**, Cumbria. 9am onwards. Adult £1.50, child 50p, under-fives, free.

OPEN AIR THEATRE: Shakespeare's *Cymbeline* presented by Theatre Set Up *in the National Trust Garden*. Take a rug.
Cotehele, St Dominick, Saltash, Cornwall (0579 50434). Today, tomorrow, *7.30pm. Tickets £3-£5*.

GOING FISHING THEN AND NOW: Opens this week, an interesting exhibition showing *different aspects* of fishing in the past and in the present. Also a small exhibition of wildlife paintings.
Salisbury Museum, The Kings House, The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire (0722 332151). Until Oct 28, Mon-Sat 10am-*5pm. Sundays, August only, 2-5pm*.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL OPERA: Booking for Oct/Nov, with new production of Cherubini's *Medea*, and *Peter Grimes* with Philip *Langridge, Elizabeth Bainbridge, and* Felicity Lott. Roger Norrington conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). *Postal* booking from today. Tel/personal from Sept 1.

RSC AT THE BARBICAN: Booking for September performances of new productions of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and *The Master Builder*; première productions of *Mary and Lizzie* and *Some Americans Abroad*; plus *The Love of the Nightingale, Across Oka* and *The Plantagenets*.
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

NATIONAL THEATRE PLATFORM PERFORMANCES: Events for Sept/Oct include George Steiner in a reflection to mark *50th anniversary of World War II*, Michael Holroyd talking about Bernard Shaw, Dirk Bogarde, Jeanette Winterson, David Ryall, and Kenneth Branagh.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

LAST CHANCE

BUXTON FESTIVAL: Ends this week with performances of Cimarosa's *L'Italiana in Londra* and *Il Pittor Parigino* at the Opera House; Peter and the Wolf ballet; Overture and Beginners concert by young musicians from all over the UK; and late night entertainment with *Cambridge Footlights. Ends this weekend*.
Box Office, Opera House, Buxton (0298 72190).

THE SITUATIONIST INTERNATIONAL, 1957-1972: Exhibition tracing origins and development of movement of group of artists and architects who advocated breakdown of divisions between art and technology. Ends Sun.
ICA, *The Mall, London SW1 (01-9300 493)*.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	Elgar: Cello Concerto	Du Pré/Barbirolli/LSO, *HMV*
2	(7)	Albinoni: Adagio	BPO/Karajan, *DG*
3	(2)	Lloyd Webber: Requiem	Domingo/Brightman/ECO, *HMV*
4	(4)	Vivaldi: Four Seasons	Hogwood/AAM, *L'Oiseau Lyre*
5	(8)	Mahler: Resurrection	Gilbert Kaplan, *IMP Classics*
6	(5)	Elgar: Cello Concerto	Du Pré/Barenboim/PDO, *CBS*
7	(3)	Holst: The Planets	Karajan/BPO, *DG*
8	(10)	Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique	Norrington/LCP, *EMI*
9	(9)	Beethoven: Symphony 5	Karajan/BPO, *DG*
10	(6)	*Elgar: Cello Concerto*	*Lloyd Webber/Menuhin/RPO, Philips*
11	(11)	Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto	Kennedy/Tate/ECO, *HMV*
12	(–)	Puccini: La Bohème	Karajan/BPO, *Decca*
13	(–)	*Mozart: Requiem*	Hogwood/AAM, *Decca*
14	(19)	Mussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition	Kaspszyk/LSO, *Collins*
15	(12)	The Romantic Clarinet	Emma Johnson/ECO, *ASV*
16	(–)	Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2	Ashkenazy/Haitink/COA, *Decca*
17	(–)	Dvorak: Symphony 9	Loughran/LPO, *Collins*
18	(17)	Elgar: Enigma Variations	Daven-Wetton/LPO, *Collins*
19	(15)	Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto	Mutter/Karajan/BPO, *DG*
20	(–)	Elgar: Cello Concerto	Du Pré/Hallé, *HMV*

Source: Music Week Research

Tomorrow

The best of the Fest: Edinburgh Festival 1989: the first of our daily guides to what to see and where to find it, in the festival and on the Fringe

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Toop; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

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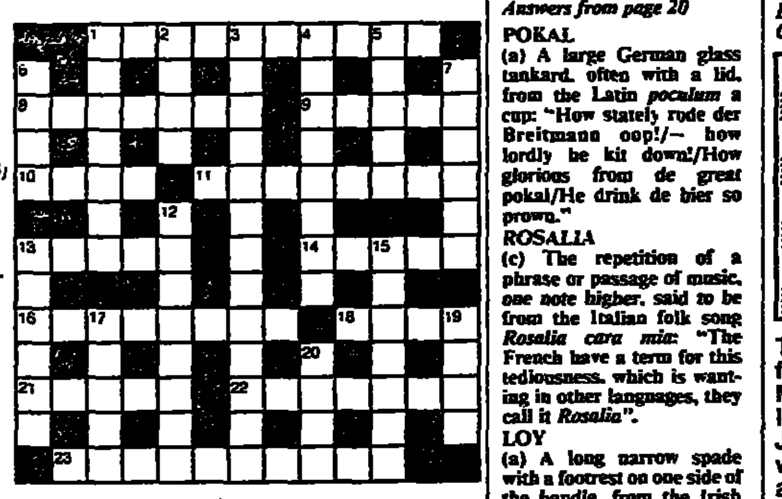

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8 Gel denser (7)
9 Intoxicated (5)
10 Vast (4)
11 Ringing float (4,4)
13 Just (5)
14 Pull along by anchor (5)
16 Crown state (8)
18 US 500 race (4)
21 Heraldic black (5)
22 Tidiest (7)
23 Improvised jazz performance (3,7)

DOWN
1 Noisy party (7)
2 Looped cross (4)
3 Drunk hallucinations (4,9)
4 Refined, fastidious (8)
5 E African freedom (5)
6 Pack (4)
7 Japanese everyday life art (6)
12 Completely naked (8)
13 Negligent (6)
15 Underground cell (7)
17 Ancient Nile kingdom (5)
19 Abominable snowman (4)
20 Muslim judge (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1944

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

POKAL
(a) A large German glass tankard, often with a lid, from the Latin *poculum* a cup: "How stately rode der Breitmann oop!/— how lordly be kit down!/How glorious from de great pokal/He drink de bier so prown."

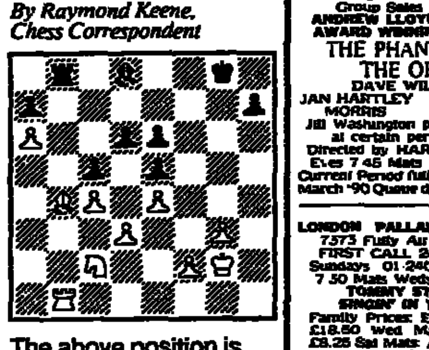
ROSALIA
(c) The repetition of a phrase or passage of music, *one note higher*, said to be from the Italian folk song *Rosalia cara mia*: "The French have a term for this tediousness, which is wanting in other languages, they call it *Rosalia*".

LOY
(a) A long narrow spade with a footrest on one side of the handle, from the Irish *laighe*: "The iron part of the loy, or Irish spade, is not *quite half so broad at the* edge as the English garden spade."

CHINCH
(b) The bed- or house-bug, from the Latin *cimex, cimicis*: "Yes, marry will I, sir; and pray that not a flew or chinch will vex you."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is from Pein (White) and Mortazavi (Black), Icklicki International July. White, to move, wins material. The answer will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1...Nc5 and if 2 dxc5 dxe4 threatening mate by ...Qg2. If 3Rd8+ Kxd8 4Kd2 Rh2+ 5Kc3 Qxc5+ 6Qc4 Rc2+ wins easily. A sparkling finale.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Now Booking Autumn 1989 THE MAGIC FLUTE/KATYA KABANOVA/ A MASKED BALL/ STREET SCENE/ THE RETURN OF ULYSSES/ MADAM BUTTERFLY Season starts August 24

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA with The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. Today, Sat & Mon at 6 LE NOZZE DI FIGARO with The London Philharmonic Tomor & Tue at 5.30 THE RAKE'S PROGRESS. Sun at 5.25 ARABELLA. All performances SOLD OUT For possible returned tickets/recorded information call 0273 541111

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01 928 8800 Eves 7 30. Thurs & Sat Mat 2.30 ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET Today Sat Hynd's COPPELIA (Today Mat Benjamin/Sasso/ Richmond Eve Camillo/ Armand/Johnson) 14-19 Aug Makarova's SWAN LAKE 21-26 Aug Ashton's ROMEO & JULIET

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911 Stdby info 836 6903 S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day KOMISCHE OPER Tonight 7 30 The Bartered Bride Tomor 6 00 Orpheus and Eurydice. Season ends Sat. Autumn Season opens 12 Sept

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TELEVISION & RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Maxey

Alternative Australian cricket

TELEVISION CHOICE

Anne Billson

● Cricket fans needing to be cheered up after recent debacles both on and off the pitch could do worse than look in on tonight's True Stories: Dreaming of Lord's (Channel 4, 11.05pm), which offers a reminder of what the game *should* be all about. In 1868, 13 Aboriginal cricketers were smuggled from Australia into England and, in the course of their 47 matches, scored a huge success with the British public. One

Two Aboriginal cricket teams toured GB in 1868 and 1988 (Channel 4, 11.05pm)

hundred and twenty years later, another Aboriginal team was selected to follow in their footsteps; this is their story, and a very charming one it is too. After thrashing a team of Aussie old-timers led by Ian Chappell, and including Prime Minister Bob Hawke, the Aboriginals set off for Great Britain, where they find themselves faced with empty seats, inclement weather, homesickness and county sides which don't seem to share the visitors' respect for their fixtures. The ultimate destination is Lord's, but there are plenty of memorable matches on the way there; the misty fields of Chatsworth, for example, where the Duke of Devonshire behaves exactly as one imagines an English aristocrat should behave, presenting the bemused players with a picture of himself, his wife and his dog. The visitors are never less than top notch ambassadors for their country, but one cannot help but wonder why no Aboriginal has ever been selected for an Australian Test side; could it really be that none has ever been good enough, or is the Australian attitude to racism in sport not quite as uncompromising as Bob Hawke would have us believe?

● In Europeans (BBC2, 8.30pm) the formidable Chantal Cuer presents a brace of films by which she illustrates the contrast between France's rich and poor. She first examines the "lifestyle" of the BCBG — *bon-chic-bon-genre* — who are a cross between Yuppies and Hooray Henries; this is an hilarious selection of footage which tells us "how to seat an Ambassador" and whether it is acceptable to wear chain store accessories with designer clothes. The second film deals with a different class of initial entirely: the SDF — *sans domicile fixe* — are the homeless who have to scrabble a meagre living out of the subways and on the streets. This film apparently caused an outcry when it was screened in France, and no wonder; we see, among other things, a desperately sick man being refused entry to a hospital because he has no fixed address.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins
6.30 The Flintstones in *The Kissing Burglar* (r) **6.55** Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with Laurie Mayer and Mike Smartt. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**
8.55 Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather
9.05 But First This . . . Children's entertainment introduced by Simon Parkin, Andi Peters and Stephanie Lowe, beginning with Bosscat. Cartoon adventures of a fly feline (r) **9.25** Why Don't You . . ? Diverting ideas for bored youngsters
10.00 News and weather followed by Popeye Triple Bill. Cartoons (r) **10.30** Playbus (r) **10.55** Five to Eleven with pupils from Newland Girls' Comprehensive School, Maidenhead
11.00 News and weather followed by Woody Woodpecker Double Bill (r) **11.15** The O Zone. Pop music magazine presented by Andy Crane. Includes news of Simon Bates's "Round the World Challenge" **11.25** Superman saves the life of the President and is then accused of trying to kill him. Starring George Reeves **11.50** Bananaman (r)
12.00 News and weather followed by The Garden Party hosted by Caron Keating and Eamonn Holmes. Includes Enoch Powell and Chantal Cuer discussing how European are the British; and Mavis Nicholson talking to Bill Payne who is bringing up his twins alone after his wife died in childbirth **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. Paul thinks that Charlene's plans for her mother's wedding are getting out of hand; and what does Todd's mother think about him and Katie returning home? (Ceefax)
1.50 Cricket: Fifth Test. Live coverage of the second session's play on the first day of the game at Trent Bridge between England and Australia, introduced by Tony Lewis. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Jack Bannister with summaries by Ray Illingworth and Tom Graveney
4.00 Cartoon **4.10** Hokey Wolf (r) **4.20** Simon and the Witch. Episode nine of the 12-part serial starring Elizabeth Spriggs, Hugh Pollard and Joan Sims (r) **4.35** Mysterious Cities of Gold (r)
5.00 Newsround includes the fourth of five reports from Helen Bridger at the US Space Academy, Alabama **5.05** Move It with Andy Nulty and Fiona Lee Fraser.
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Bruno Brookes and Sybil Ruscoe (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)
7.30 EastEnders. Dr Legg talks to Arthur about Pauline; Frank is happy with a lucrative car deal and the fringe benefits that go with it; and Michelle decides on a course of action and discusses that and another matter with her boyfriend Danny. (Ceefax)
8.00 People includes Brian Smith who, along with his three girls, is campaigning for the release of the wife who tried to murder him
8.30 First of the Summer Wine. As Foggy is turning himself into a "total fighting machine" by following the mental and physical exercises set down in *The Way of the Warrior* magazine, Compo tries to persuade him to act as his substitute in a fight with the fearsome Chunky Livesey (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Film: An Affair in Mind (1988) starring Stephen Dillon and Amanda Donohoe. A made-for-television drama, based on Ruth Rendell's novel *The Face of Trespass*, about a writer who becomes obsessed with the beautiful wife of another man. Directed by Colin Luke. (Ceefax)
1.00 Cagney and Lacey. The lady police officers investigate a spate of robberies from wealthy women who all patronize the same beauty salon. Starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly (r)
1.50 Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00** News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Tayler; **8.00** News; **8.50** Wacaday for the young, with Timmy Mallett and Michaela Strachan
9.25 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe. Animated adventure series (r) **9.50** Thames news and weather
9.55 Inspector Gadget. Cartoon adventures of a bumbling policeman (r) **10.25** Kellyvision. Chris Kelly joins stuntmen fighting on the wing of an aeroplane; and Gaz Top discovers how some exciting car commercials are made (r) **10.50** Madame Gusto's Circus (r) **10.55** News headlines
11.00 Home and Away. Drama serial about an Australian couple and their five foster children **11.25** Vicky the Viking **11.55** Thames news and weather
12.00 Who's Next. For the young **12.10** Puddle Lane. Puppet series (r) **12.30** Take the High Road. Carol's party does not meet with Sheila's approval; and Fergus seems to be having the best time among the various Glendarroch festivities
1.00 News at One with Tim Ewart. Weather **1.20** Thames news and weather
1.30 Women of Today. A profile of jump jockey Penny Ffitch-Heyes, who also runs a stable for sick horses
2.00 Richmond Hill. Australian drama serial
3.00 Connections. Mind-stretching problems for two more contestants — a company director from Bangor, Northern Ireland, and a student from Manchester. Introduced by Simon Potter **3.25** Thames news and weather **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial
4.00 Disney's Duck Tales. *The Right Duck* **4.25** T-Bag Bounces Back starring Elizabeth Estensen (r) **4.50** Rolf's Cartoon Club presented by Rolf Harris
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather **5.55** Thames news and weather
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Is this the parting of the ways for Amos and Wilks? And the beginning of something significant for Pete Whiteley and Rachel Hughes?
7.00 Jimmy's. Real life dramas concerning the patients and staff of the St James's Hospital, Leeds, Europe's largest general hospital
7.30 Perception. Game show hosted by Alison Holloway
8.00 The Bill. DCs Greig and Carver are shadowing a known robber when a car draws up and three men leap out, bundling the man inside, leaving his wife hysterical on the pavement. Meanwhile Burnside and Roach are called to an armed supermarket robbery where one of the security guards has been shot. (Oracle)
8.30 International Athletics from Malmo, Sweden. Includes the 1,500m event which should feature Steve Cramm, Said Ouita, Peter Rono and Paul Ereng. The commentators are Alan Parry and Peter Matthews
9.00 LA Law. Glossy American court room drama series starring Harry Hamlin
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart. Weather **10.30** Thames news and weather
10.35 Look Back in Anger. John Osborne's drama performed under Judi Dench's direction by the Renaissance Theatre Company, starring Kenneth Branagh as Jimmy Porter, a man rebelling against life and his wife (Emma Thompson). Followed by Crimestoppers
12.40am Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's prison
1.30 What the Papers Say with Mary Holland of the *Observer*
1.45 Donahue. American chat show
2.45 News headlines followed by Film: The Sailor Takes a Wife (1945, b/w) starring Robert Walker and June Allyson. The story of a young sailor who marries a girl after a six-hour courtship. They discover that living in a bleak apartment with someone you hardly know is not the best way to spend a honeymoon. Directed by Richard Whorf
4.30 America's Top Ten (r)
5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Inner City Story. Ends at **7.20**. **9.00** Ceefax
9.55 Boating Butler. Tony Butler travels by narrowboat through Warwickshire and Leicestershire (r) **10.25** Fifth-Century Athens (r)
10.50 Cricket: Fifth Test. Live coverage of the opening session of the first day's play in the game at Trent Bridge between England and Australia
1.10 Holiday Outings. Tenerife (r) **1.20** Pinny's House (r) **1.25** Bric-a-Brac (r)
1.35 Cricket: Fifth Test. A further visit to Trent Bridge
1.50 Holiday Outings to Jamaica (r)
2.00 News and weather followed by The Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales. The Chairing of the Bard ceremony
3.25 The Bike Bros (r) **3.50** News, regional news and weather
4.00 Cricket: Fifth Test. Live coverage of the closing session of the first day's play from Trent Bridge
6.10 Film: The Green Man (1956, b/w) starring Alastair Sim, George Cole and Terry-Thomas. A black comedy about an unlikely professional assassin whose attempts to bump off his latest victim at a south coast hotel are thwarted by the antics of a bumbling vacuum-cleaner salesman. Directed by Robert Day
7.30 The Victorian Kitchen Garden. The third of 12 programmes (r). (Ceefax)
8.00 Wildlife Showcase: Rivers to the Sea. A documentary filmed over a period of two years about the fish, birds and other wildlife that depend upon the rivers of Canada's Atlantic seaboard. (Ceefax)
8.30 Europeans: Rich and Poor (see Choice)
9.00 The Travel Show includes reports on holidaying in the Corsican resort of Alghero; and the delights of Ross-on-Wye
9.30 Under the Sun: Adios General. A portrait of La Victoria, a Chilean shanty town. (Ceefax)
10.20 10 x 10. The story of Martin and Sam who are two of the people responsible for the arrival of electronic gaming and trivia machines in public houses
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 Cricket: Fifth Test. Highlights of the first day's play **11.55** Weather
12.00 Open University: Weekend Outlook **12.05am** Ethical Principles. Ends at **12.35**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 The World — A Television History. Part 15 — Africa before the Europeans 100AD — 1500 (r)
9.55 Film: Arise My Love (1940, b/w) starring Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland. Romantic comedy drama about a newspaperwoman who saves an airman from the firing squad during the Spanish Civil War. Directed by Mitchell Leisen
12.00 Fifteen-to-One (r)
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street. (r)
2.00 Gallery. Art quiz introduced by George Melly (r)
2.30 Assert Yourself. How assertiveness training can help tackle problems of sex and family life (r). (Oracle)
3.15 Virtuoso. Vladimir Ashkenazy plays a recital of music by Robert Schumann (r)
4.20 Film: Fall Guy (1955, b/w). A tribute to stuntman Dave O'Brien. Directed by David Barclay
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Film: Heart's Desire (1935, b/w) starring Richard Tauber. The musical tale of a Vienna beer garden singer who is lured to London to star in an opera. Directed by Paul L. Stein
6.30 Xerxes. Episode two of a six-part serial from Sweden. English subtitles
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Anne Leuchars
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 The French Revolution: A Living Legacy. Dr Colin Lucas of Balliol, Oxford, and Professor Donald Sutherland from the University of Maryland, debate the Terror
8.30 Take Six Cooks. The fourth course — vegetables — is prepared by Paul Gayler, head chef at London's Inigo Jones restaurant (r). (Oracle)
9.00 Film on Four Take 2: Insignificance (1985) starring Michael Emil, Theresa Russell, Tony Curtis and Gary Busey. A drama, set in 1954 New York, about the connection between a professor, a senator, an actress and her former baseball player husband. Nicolas Roeg directs
11.05 True Stories: Dreaming of Lords (see Choice)
12.55am Film: Jaguar (1980) starring Philip Salvador as an ambitious security guard who becomes involved in the Filipino underworld. English subtitles. Directed by Lino Brocka. Ends at **2.50**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.30am European Business Channel **6.00** The DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky By Day: With actor Martin Jarvis **11.30** A Problem Shared: Claire Rayner's guest is David Blunkett, MP **12.00** Another World **12.55pm** General Hospital **1.50** As the World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** The Lucy Show **3.45** Sylvanians **4.00** Countdown **5.00** The Young Doctors
5.30 Three's Company **6.00** Sky Star Search **7.00** Sale of the Century **7.30** Beyond 2000 **8.30** The Streets of San Francisco **9.30** The Paper Chase **10.30** Jameson Tonight **11.30** John Crooks Down Under Show

SKY NEWS

6.00am Sky News **6.30** European Business Channel **11.30** Our World — A View of Britain **12.30** NBC Today **1.30pm** NBC Today **2.30** Beyond 2000 **3.30** BMTV Good Health **4.30** Our World **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Beyond 2000
7.30 The Reporters: Guatemala and unemployment in Australia **8.30** The Frank Bough Interview **9.30** Target **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** The Frank Bough Interview **1.30** Target **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** The Frank Bough Interview **4.30** Target **5.30** Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

2.00pm Mr Hobbs Takes a Vacation (1962): Starring James Stewart
4.00 Raiders of the Galaxy (1982): Animated adventure
6.00 Red Sonja (1985): Brigitte Nielsen (Red Sonja) avenges the death of her family
8.00 Head Office (1986): A send-up of the world of high finance, starring Judge Reinhold
10.00 The Hijacking of the Achille Lauro (1989): Based on the real-life terrorist takeover of the cruise ship in 1985
12.00 Bad Boys (1983): Starring Sean Penn
2.00am The Fly (1958): Classic horror film about a man who turns into a fly
4.00 Red Sonja (1985): (see **6.00pm**)

EUROSPORT

10.30am World Games **11.30** Trans World Sport **12.30pm** Archery World Championships **1.00** Windsurfing World Cup **1.30** Equestrian — Hickstead Derby Highlights **2.30** IAAF/Mobil Athletics Grand Prix from Budapest **3.30** World Cup Football **4.30** Eurosport Programme Menu
6.00 Mobil Motor Sport News **7.00** Dublin Horse Show **8.00** The Nice Triathalon **9.00** Football: Dynamo Moscow v Stars of the World **10.00** Australian Rules Football **11.00** World Games

MTV

6.00am Kristiane Backer **11.30** MTV Playback **12.00** Kristiane Backer **2.00pm** Yo! Mix **2.30** Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** The Coca-Cola Report **4.15** 3 from 1 **4.30** Maiken Wexo **5.30** Club MTV **6.00** MTV at the Movies **6.30** Remote Control **7.00** Kristiane Backer **8.00** MTV's Metal Hammer **9.00** Ray Cokes **9.45** The Coca-Cola Report **10.00** MTV at the Movies **10.30** Marcel Vanthilt **11.00** MTV **12.00** Club MTV **12.30am** Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Powersports **8.00** Wrestling **9.00** Cycling **9.30** Sport En France **10.00** Rallycross **11.00** Wide World of Sports **12.00** Boxing **2.00pm** Tennis **4.00** Football **5.30** Sport En France **6.00** Golf **8.00** Sailing **9.00** Powersports **10.00** Golf **12.00** Inside the PGA **12.30am** Cycling

LIFESTYLE

10.00am It Figures **10.25** The Microwave Cook **10.30** Slim Cooking **11.00** Coffee Break **11.05** The Edge of Night **11.30** The Great American Gameshows **12.50pm** Style File **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.45** Hollywood TV Theatre **2.35** Search For Tomorrow **3.00** The Doctor — Douglas Diggle **3.05** Afternoon Cinema **4.40** The Great American Gameshows

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: **6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **11.50-11.55** News and weather SCOTLAND: **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **11.00** Play Better Golf **11.30** Cagney and Lacey **12.15am** Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Sportswide **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: **6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.10-5.40** Perception **6.00** About Anglia **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Emmerdale Farm **7.30-8.00** Jimmy's **9.00-10.00** Ellis Island **10.35** Folio **11.05** LA Law **12.00** What the Papers Say **12.15am** Film: Executioner **2.15** Crime Story **3.10** Off the Wall **4.10** Fifty Years On" **4.35-5.00** Farming Diary

BORDER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Glenroe **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **10.35** Sledge Hammer! **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.05am** What the Papers Say **12.20** Film: Jealousy, Italian Style **2.15** Sportsworld **3.15** Night Beat **4.20-5.00** The Time ... The Place...

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.10-5.40** Perception **6.00** News **6.35** Home and Away **7.00** Emmerdale Farm **7.30-8.00** Jimmy's **9.00-10.00** World of National Geographic **10.35** LA Law **11.35** Geraldo **12.25am** Who's the Boss? **12.50** Film: Schimanski **2.40** Power Hour **3.40** Profiles (Climie Fisher) **3.50** Jobfinder **4.45-5.00** What the Papers Say

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00** News **6.15-6.30** French Window **10.35** Music Makers **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Return to Eden **12.55am** Yacht Racing **1.25** What the Papers Say **1.40** Fifty Years On" **2.10** America's Top 10 **2.40** The Time ... The Place... **3.20** Special Squad **4.20** Starring the Actors (Gene Hackman) **4.50-5.00** The New Squadronaires

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Dining in France **1.20-1.30** Grampian News **5.55-6.30** North Tonight **10.35** Fionnan-Feoir **11.05** Commentators (Alan Parry) **12.05am** What the Papers Say **12.20** Film: Jealousy, Italian Style **2.15** Sportsworld **3.15** Night Beat **4.20-5.00** The Time... The Place...

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Granada Reports **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.55-6.30** Granada Reports **10.35** Starring the Actors **11.10** Heart of the City **12.05am** What the Papers Say **12.20** Film: Jealousy, Italian Style **2.15** Sportsworld **3.15** Night Beat **4.20-5.00** The Time...The Place...

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.55-6.30** News **10.35** Cover Story **11.05** Exploration **11.35** Fugitive" **12.35am** Film: Seven Nights in Japan **2.30** What the Papers Say **2.45** Sport **3.45** Dining in France **4.15** Invitation to Remember (Sir Bernard Miles) **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **5.55-6.30pm** Wales at Six **10.35-11.05** Eisteddfod

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Weir's Way **1.20-1.30** Scotland Today **3.30-4.00** Country Matters **6.00-6.30** Scotland Today **10.35** NB **11.05** Margo **11.35** What the Papers Say **11.50** Film: Naked Runner **1.45am** On the Live Side **2.15** Sportsworld **3.15** Night Beat **4.20-5.00** The Time...The Place...

TSW As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Today **10.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.35** Cover Story (Marie Osmond) **12.05am** What the Papers Say **12.20** Film: Jealousy, Italian Style **2.15** Sportsworld **3.15** Night Beat **4.20-5.00** The Time ... The Place...

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ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Newstime **6.00-6.30** Six Tonight **10.35** No Doubt About It **11.05** Channon and Ball Video Show **12.05am** What the Papers Say **12.20** Film: Jealousy, Italian Style **2.15** Sportsworld **3.15** Night Beat **4.20-5.00** The Time...The Place...

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **6.00-6.30** Calendar **10.35** James Galway **11.05** The Commentators (Reg Gutteridge) **12.05am** Shady Tales **12.20** Film: Side by Side **1.45** What the Papers Say **2.00** America's Top 10 **2.35** Cinemattractions **3.00** Comedy Tonight **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

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NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Dr Doolittle **3.20** Wizbit **3.30** Film: Amazing Adventures of Joe 90 **5.10** Road Runner **5.30** Lassie **5.55** Zoo Family **6.25** Home and Away **7.00** Masters of Animation **7.30** Bless Me Father **8.00** Cousteau's Amazon **9.00** Roseanne **9.30** Falcon Crest **10.30** Network News **10.50** Show Jumping **11.30** Closedown

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FM Stereo and MW
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00**
5.00am Adrian John **6.30** Bruno Brookes **9.30** Mike Read **10.30** Around the World with Simon Bates **11.00** Radio 1 Roadshow **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Mark Goodier **7.00** Top of the Pops (simultaneous broadcast with BBC1) **7.30** Sybil Ruscoe **8.30** John Peel **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-2.00am** Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW
News on the hour
Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Alex Lester **5.30** David Allan Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** Teddy Johnson **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The A to Z of Country Music **9.00** Lon Satton's Gospel Jubilee **10.00** Someone and the Grumbleweeds **10.30** Fats Waller **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **5.00am** World News: 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin **5.00** Newsdesk **6.30** In a Nutshell **6.40** The Farming World **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News **7.30** Write on . . . **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Global Concerns **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News; Sports Roundup **9.45** Society Today **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** Book Choice **11.30** Take the Money and Run **12.00** Newsreel **12.15pm** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Sportsworld **2.00** World News; Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Slaughterhouse Five **2.45** Write on . . . **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** BBC English **3.30** Heute Aktuell **4.00** News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Londres Soir **5.15** The World Today **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Kaleidoskop **6.30** GB Report **6.54** Nachrichten **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Financial News **7.30** In a Nutshell **7.40** The Farming World **8.00** News **8.09** The World Today **8.30** Meridian **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Seven Seas **9.30** Profile **9.45** Write on . . . **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Music Review **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Oratorio **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Jazz Scene UK **1.45** Profile **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Newsreel **2.30** Take the Money and Run **3.00** News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** Seven Seas **3.30** The World Today **3.45** Nachrichten und Presseschau **4.00** Morgenmagazin **4.37** Nachrichten **4.45** News Summary, **4.55** Financial News

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Dag Wirén (Serenade for Strings, Op 11: Stockholm Sinfonietta under Esa-Pekka Salonen); Orlando De Lassus (S'io esca vivo; Matona mia cara: Amaryllis Consort); Liszt (St Francis of Paola Walking on the Waters: Wilhelm Kempff, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Haydn (Baryton Trio No 14 in D: Riki Gerardy, baryton, Roger Chase, violin, Jonathan Williams, cello); Nielsen (Wind Quintet, Op 43: Danish Wind Quintet); Vaughan Williams (Tudor Portrait No 4, Jane Scroop)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Handel — The 1730s. Atalanta, excerpt (Cappella Savaria under Nicholas McGegan, with Katalin Farkas, soprano, Eva Bártfai-Barta, soprano, Eva Lax, contralto, János Bándi, tenor); Trio Sonata in D, Op 5 No 2 (L'Ecole D'Orphée) Saul, excerpt (Concentus Musicus of Vienna under Harnoncourt; Soloists, Vienna State Opera Chorus); Concerto grosso, Op 6 No 1 (English Concert under Trevor Pinnock)
9.35 Christian Zacharias: The pianist performs Schubert (Sonata in B, D 575); Mozart (Sonata in A minor, K 310) (r)
10.25 Fauré Chamber Music (FM only from **10.45**): Cello Sonata No 2, Op 117 (Steven Isserlis, cello, Pascal Devoyon, piano); Piano Trio, Op 120 (Augustin Dumay, violin, Frédéric Lodéon, cello, Jean-Philippe Collard, piano); Elegie in C minor, Op 24 (Steven Isserlis, cello, Pascal Devoyon, piano)
10.45-6.30pm Test Match Special (on MW only): England v Australia on the first day's play from Trent Bridge in the Fifth Cornhill Test. Commentary by Brian Johnston, Christopher Martin-Jenkins, Henry Blofeld and Neville Oliver. Expert comments from Trevor Bailey and Robin Jackman. Scorer Bill Frindall, incl **1.05** News **1.10** The Poms Down Under 1974/5. The summer of Lillee and Thomson is recollected by Peter Baxter **1.30** County Scoreboard **1.40-6.30** Commentary, incl County Talk with Jonathan Agnew, Graeme Fowler and Vic Marks
11.15 Concert from Nottingham (on FM only): The BBC Philharmonic under Günther Herbig performs Haydn (Symphony No 5); Mahler (Symphony No 9)
1.00 News
1.05 Albemi String Quartet: Performs Britten (Three Divertimenti; Alla marcia); Mozart (Quartet in D minor, K 421)
2.00 French Grand Opera (on FM only): A summer season of works staged at the Paris Opéra, 1828-65. The Philharmonia under Antonio de Almeida; Ambrosian Opera Chorus, with Julia Varady, soprano, Dalmacio Gonzalez, tenor, June Anderson, soprano, Ferruccio Furlanetto, bass, perform "La juive", by Jacques Fromenthal Halévy. An epic opera, set in 1414, which confronts anti-semitism, inter-racial relationships, and a father who unwittingly condemns his own daughter to death. Acts 1 and 2, incl **3.25** Basil Deane on Halévy and Parisian taste in the mid-1830s **3.35** Acts 3, 4 and 5
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only until **6.30**): With Edward Seckerson
7.00 News
7.05 Music and Manners: Paul Shelley reads from Henry Chorley's mémoires. 3: Disappointments in Berlin
7.30 Proms 1989: Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London. The Northern Sinfonia under Richard Hickox; Richard Hickox Singers, with Catherine Pierard and Eiddwen Harrhy, sopranos, Michael Chance, counter-tenor, Martyn Hill, tenor, perform Tippett (Fantasia concertante on a Theme of Corelli); Vivaldi (Gloria in D, RV 589), incl **8.25** The Northern Sinfonia's Centre in Newcastle is visited by Anthony Burton, where he meets some of those associated with the orchestra during its 30-year history **8.45** Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending); Bach (Magnificat in D, BWV 243)
9.50 Contrasting Styles: A totally improvised performance by one of the US's leading pianists Cecil Taylor, introduced by Charles Fox
11.00 Composers of the Week: Roussel and Dutilleux. Roussel (Petite suite); Dutilleux (Violin Concerto "L'Arbre des songes"; Métaboles) (r)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

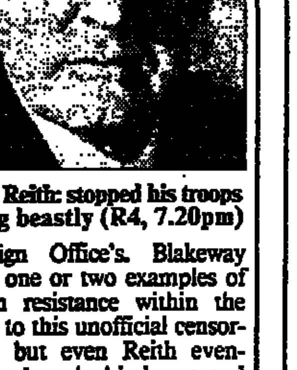
LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Punters: With Susan Marling and Max Pearson (r)
9.45 Famous for Fifteen Minutes: In the fifth of six interviews Jenni Mills talks to unmarried mother Helen Morgan, crowned Miss World for four days in 1974
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Lionel Kelleway compares the flamingo and white horse wetland of the Camargue with the dry grasshopper landscape of La Crau
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.25 Conversation Piece: In the second of eight programmes, Sue MacGregor talks with Sir Edward Rayne, chairman of the British Fashion Council
11.50 First Person: In today's edition of a series of talks by first-time broadcasters, Patrick Whitefield walks the fine line between making a living and living an alternative lifestyle
12.00 News; You and Yours with presenter John Waite
12.25pm Lord Peter Wimsey: The Nine Tailors by Dorothy L. Sayers, dramatized in eight episodes by Alistair Beaton. Episode 8: Nine Tailors Make a Man, starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter (r)
1.00 The World at One with Brian Widlake
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Women's Hour: Presented by Wendy Austin. Includes an interview with Stan Barstow, author of "A Kind of Loving"; an item on Peggy Spencer, the person behind *Come Dancing*, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary; and what is, and how important is, cholesterol, compared with other health risks?
3.00 News; Cultivating Friends: Play by Steve May, with Christopher Scott as Paul, and Geoffrey Matthews as Fred (s) (r)
4.00 News
4.05 A Good Read: Edward Blishen invites Nick Davies and Andy Kershaw to pick some paperbacks
4.35 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Nigel Andrews (s) (r)
5.00 PM: With Frances Coverdale and Peter Ruff. Including a report on the Fifth Test at Trent Bridge
6.00 Six O'Clock News, Financial Report
6.30 My Music: Musical panel game chaired by Steve Race, with John Amis and Frank Muir challenging Ian Wallace and Denis Norden (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 A Conspiracy of Silence: Presented by Denys Blakeway (see Choice)
8.00 Springtime, It Brings on the Shearing: By Kay Mortley. An elegiac look at sheep-shearing, with a poet, an artist and, of course, some sheep-shearers
9.00 Pen to Paper: A lighthearted anthology from some writers new to radio. Poems by Peter Craig, Lekha Desai, and Janet Mitchell. Prose from Leonard Barras, and Jenny Holliday (s) (r)
9.15 Does He Take Sugar? Kati Whitaker presents the radio magazine for disabled listeners
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Paul Allen. Featuring the diary of theatre director Max Stafford-Clark; and Judi Dench's direction of Kenneth Branagh in *Look Back in Anger* (s)
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Episode 7 of The Negotiator by Frederick Forsythe, abridged by Carole Rosen in 10 episodes and read by Terry Molloy **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight with David Sells
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 The Odessa File: Selections from pianist Sviatoslav Richter, the last of four great musicians to spring within a decade from the Russian city of Odessa
12.00 News, incl **12.20am** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as LW except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Tolstoy's View of Art and Morality **11.50** The Threat to Sovereignty

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8 (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. Greater London Radio: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

RADIO CHOICE

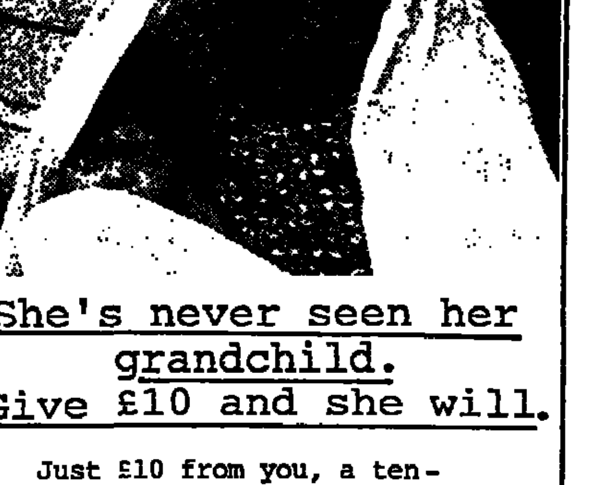
Peter Davalle

● **Conspiracy of Silence** (Radio 4, 7.20pm) is Denys Blakeway's documentary account of one aspect of Britain's appeasement of Nazi Germany in the 1930s that is often overlooked in the rush to judgment against Chamberlain & Co. What it says, in effect, is that when the BBC opened its mouth, it was acting like a ventriloquist's doll because the voice that came through its lips was the



Lord Reith: stopped his troops being beastly (R4, 7.20pm)

Foreign Office's. Blakeway cites one or two examples of token resistance within the BBC to this unofficial censorship, but even Reith eventually drew in his horns and stopped his troops being beastly to Hitler. The only BBC high-up who seems to have kept up his opposition to the BBC's playing the Government game was the Northern Regional controller, who said that a series of BBC talks on the maintenance of peace in Europe bore as much relation to the realities of the moment as the tea-party chatter of elderly spinsters bore to the fight of religion against sin. One broadcaster, prohibited from speaking out against the Nazi terror, was advised instead to talk about Persian railways, student accommodation, or the price of milk.



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Militants cry sell-out as union ends Tube dispute

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

London Undergound is confident of running a normal service today after the rail unions instructed their members to end their action over one-person-operated trains and accept a significant pay increase recommended by the independent mediation board.

The unions involved in the 14-week dispute, the National Union of Railwaymen and Aslef were delighted by the board's finding which will mean weekly increases of £16.73 for 2,600 Tube drivers and £13 for 997 guards.

Although the recommendation, accepted in full by London Undergound management, is a "no-strings" deal fought for by the leaderships of the two unions, it still falls far short of the £64 a week demanded by the unofficial strike leaders who called the first wildcat stoppages.

Last night, one of the original strike leaders called the deal "disgusting" and accused the union leaders of a "sell-out". But he said it was too early to co-ordinate unofficial action and predicted that most of his colleagues would work normally today.

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There is a still a threat that some "rebel" union activists may organize another wildcat stoppage later this month.

But Mr Andy Dodds, the NUR's senior assistant general secretary, said that "those people who have had their objectives set at £64 a week will never be satisified".

The mediation board, under the chairmanship of Professor John Goodman of Manchester University, was indirectly critical of management for delaying its review of one-person-operated trains. In addition to the national 8.75 per cent increase, the board recommended a £7 a week increase on basic pay for Tube drivers, backdated to April 10, and the consolidation of special allowances into the pay packet.

This means that average earnings will increase by £16.73 a week. This includes the £7 lump sum and bonuses and shift payments. The present £14.63 special allowances are incorporated into basic pay, and for every £1 of that amount a tube driver's pay wil be increased by 45p. Guards will be better off by £13 a week, which includes a lump sum of £6 a week and the consolidation of special payments of £9.84 into basic pay.

Mr Derrick Fullick, Aslef's general secretary-elect, said the board had "absolutely endorsed their view of trade unions. They have confirmed we were absolutely right and so were our members".

His executive had now instructed all members to "work normally forthwith. My message very clearly is that they should work normally. There is no other avenue open to them. We have gone as far as we can go".

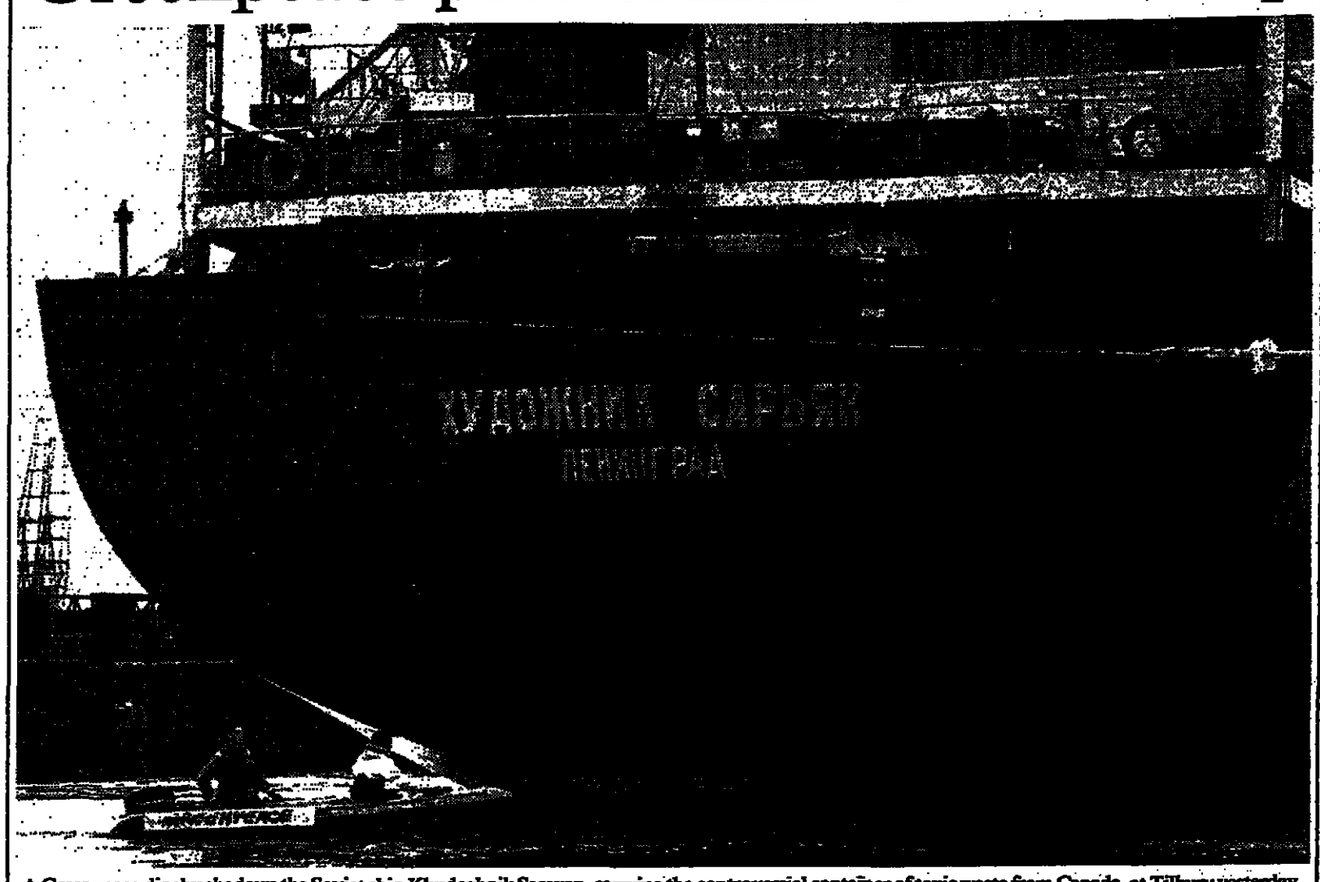
He declined to call the recommendation a victory for the unions, but said it was a "victory for common sense".

Mr Dodds, referring to the deal and management's climb-down over its "action stations" programme — which proposed promoting staff by merit rather than seniority — said: "These are notable victories for the union, which I hope puts an end to any further attempts by management to impose changes on the industry against the wishes of its workforce."

In addition, the mediation board said that London Underground should resubmit to the unions proposals to increase efficiency.

"There are considerable opportunities for further increases in earnings following efficiency improvements."

Greenpeace puts its mark on toxic ship



A Greenpeace dinghy shadows the Soviet ship Khudozhnik Sarayan, carrying the controversial container of toxic waste from Canada, at Tilbury yesterday.

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active waste into the Irish Sea from the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant.

The group's new flagship, Rainbow Warrior, will sail up the coast to Sellafield at the end of the week to make public its claims on the plight of Cumbrian cancer sufferers. Greenpeace claims there is a direct link between Sellafield discharges and a "cancer cluster" in the surrounding area.

● COPENHAGEN: Denmark has agreed to take back some 430 tonnes of toxic waste that was originally to have been dumped in Brazil, a government official said here yesterday (AFP reports).

Mr Hans Henrik Christensen, the deputy director of the Danish environment directorate, said that the decision to take back the waste, which is temporarily being stored in The Netherlands, had been made to protect Denmark's international reputation.

Activists fixing a death's head banner to the side of the vessel as it prepared to dock. Two ports have refused the container.

Hopes of quick hostage deal fade

By Our Foreign Staff

President Bush said yesterday that in attempting to secure the release of the eight US hostages held in Lebanon he would do nothing which could be interpreted as a "quid pro quo".

This clarified an earlier newspaper interview in which he seemed more flexible than in the past on talks to secure the release of the hostages.

The prospect of an early deal became even slimmer soon afterwards when Hezbollah launched a suicide attack against Israeli forces. While this would not necessarily affect any dealings between the US and Iran, it seemed certain to prompt an Israeli retaliation and an escalation of tension.

Two Hezbollah suicide bombers drove a truck loaded with explosives into an Israeli military convoy inside Israel's self-declared exclusion zone in southern Lebanon. The explosion injured five Israeli and allied soldiers and killed the bombers.

Hezbollah, the "Party of God", made it clear that the attack was revenge for the kidnapping of Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid by Israeli forces 13 days ago.

Sheikh Sobhi Tofeili, a Hezbollah leader, said in Beirut: "This operation was not the first and will not be the last.

"It is part of the period following the abduction of Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid." He said the abduction would "*mushroom into an explosive* volcano in the face of Israel".

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Sheikh Muhammad Husain Fadlallah, the spiritual mentor of Hezbollah, added: "We tell Israel this is a down payment. Much more will follow."

Mr Bush told the *Boston Globe*: "... If I can talk to somebody and get the release of an American hostage and do it without in my view or the view of the experts, putting others at risk, I'd be glad to do that."

But later he denied that his policy of not negotiating with hostage-takers had changed. "My view is to do nothing that will be seen as a quid pro quo for hostages," he said. "I hope I am open-minded enough to talk and engage in every diplomatic channel I can."

The President said this was distinct from paying ransom or "giving the hostage-holder some reward for having held an American hostage".

Mr Bush made it clear in his interview that the US had no objection to Israel's attempts to exchange the hostages for Sheikh Obeid. He said he was not optimistic about an imminent solution.

Inquiry into death of Belfast youth

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ricades of corrugated iron sheeting. These were quickly demolished by Land-Rovers.

"The youths then started stoning the Land-Rovers, and some of the rioters came running round asking if anybody had any petrol bombs, but they were unable to get their hands on any."

The photographer said the riot appeared to have started spontaneously and that police had come under a barrage of rocks, iron bars and bottles. They had responded with plastic baton rounds.

At one point a single automatic rifle shot was fired at the police and army units. Later five bursts of automatic fire were heard.

There were conflicting reports surrounding the circumstances of Seamus Duffy's death. Duffy died in the Mater Hospital after being hit near the heart by a baton round.

His father, Mr Brendan Duffy, denied that his son had been rioting. He said: "If they shot my son for nothing, as I believe, I want whoever did it to be charged."

In a statement, police said several officers had been injured and that plastic rounds had been fired "in order to defend themselves, to curb the rioting and prevent the wanton destruction of property". The RUC very much regretted the loss of a young life.

Twelve men and youths appeared in court in Belfast yesterday charged with rioting. They were released on condition that they stay in their homes at night.

● Funeral charge: A man was charged in Belfast yesterday with murdering two Army corporals last year.

Sean Simpson, aged 30, of South Link, Andersonstown, was also charged with falsely imprisoning corporals David Howes and Derek Wood and causing them grievous bodily harm. He was remanded in custody until tomorrow.

Deadly round 2
Can Army leave? 12

Salmonella alert as 26 are taken ill

Continued from page 1

sex, who died last Saturday, developed encephalitis, inflammation of the brain.

The North East Essex Health Authority said as yet there was no firm evidence to link his death with the vaccination.

However, a batch of vaccine has been withdrawn pending an analysis by the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control, and a medical investigation by the Centre for Communicable Diseases, both in north London. An investigation has begun by the Department of Health, which has called a meeting of its advisory committee today.

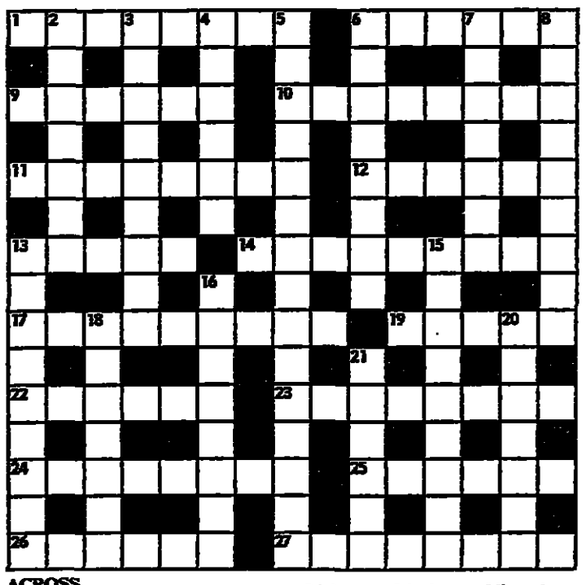
Mothers were urged by the department last night not to boycott the campaign that is based for the first time in the UK of the triple-MMR vaccine, designed to combat measles, mumps and rubella.

It has been successfully administered to two million children in Britain and has been in use in the US for the past 15 years.

Dr Mala Rao, director of public health for North East Essex, said there was no evidence yet of a link between the boy's death and the vaccine. "We have to excercise extreme caution if we hope to keep the trust and confidence of the public.

"We are all very distressed by the death of this child. I strongly urge all parents to continue to take their children to be vaccinated."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,057



ACROSS

1 Popular pamphlet for a fellow to reserve (4-4).
6 Pretentious style of outfit required by school (6).
9 Moved faster than cook or aunt (6).
10 Emperor who reversed vessel on receiving a sign (8).
11 Raised voice in row on river (8).
12 King embraces composer — he brings in the money (6).
13 A page the incumbent does not finish (5).
14 Neat charges for this mariner? (9).
17 Easily aroused, favourite son returned for a dance (9).
19 The power of a waterfall (5).
22 This month, in Paris, he appears to introduce gradually... (6).
23 ... liqueur made in Eastern state (8).
24 Impoverished republic abandoning a man of breeding (8).
25 English essayist's without a source of illumination (6).
26 Crude burrow by entrance to yard (6).
27 Unknown number reported, we hear, to have cracked up (8).

DOWN

2 Transport he used to carry a posh prisoner (7).
3 Airborne soldiers in charge swallowing wine like sponges (9).
4 Decorated about noon, deliver a speech (6).
5 It's child's play to find a man's ruler (4,2,3,6).
6 A king slept outside, being cured (8).
7 Mathematical problem involving sea-bird's bone (7).
8 Obstruction caused after accident to crane (9).
13 Engineers in France who locate a need (9).
15 Bat cautiously — the stand comprises one wide! (9).
16 Instrument producing change in tortured spy (8).
18 Fashionable drink, we hear, for a member (7).
20 Girl has lots of lines out of the terminal (7).
21 Choice morsel, but it upset a bird outside Birkenhead (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,056

M	O	U	N	T	A	I	N	E	E	R	S			
A		T		H		V		L		E		L		P
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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

POKAL
a. A glass tankard
b. A Polish yokel
c. A seat warmer

ROSALIA
a. Sweet raisin cordial
b. Fed by dew
c. Musical repetition

LOY
a. A narrow spade
b. An obsolete Chinese coin
c. To weary of

CHINCH
a. A splicing knot
b. A bed-bug
c. A breed of long-haired cat

Answers on page 18

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WEATHER

Cloudy start in south-east Britain, with rain in places. Drier weather will spread from the north-west, bringing some sun. Bright start elsewhere with sunshine in Wales, central and eastern England and south-east Scotland. Early showers in north-west Britain, with rain in Northern Ireland and western Scotland later. Outlook: wet, windy weather in most places tomorrow and some showers on Saturday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; f=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Majorca	31	88	s
Alcudia	28	82	s	Malaga	33	91	c
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malta	30	86	s
Algiers	34	93	s	Melbourne	14	57	s
Amst'dm	23	73	s	Mexico C*	-	-	-
Athens	31	88	s	Miami*	32	86	r
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	28	82	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	-	-	-
Barcelna	27	81	s	Moscow	22	72	s
Belgrade	28	78	s	Munich	21	70	f
Berlin	21	70	f	Nairobi	-	-	-
Bermuda*	-	-	-	Naples	30	86	f
Biarritz	27	81	s	N Delhi	34	93	f
Borde'x	27	81	s	N York*	22	72	s
Brussels	22	72	s	Nice	27	81	s
Budapest	19	66	r	Oslo	19	66	c
B Aires*	-	-	-	Paris	24	75	s
Cairo	34	93	s	Peking	33	91	s
Cape Tn	15	59	r	Perth	19	66	s
C'blanca	29	84	f	Prague	21	70	f
Chicago*	23	73	f	Reykjvk	12	54	c
Ch'church	-	-	-	Rhodes	32	90	s
Cologne	23	73	c	Rio de J	20	68	c
C'penhgn	17	63	c	Riyadh	43	109	s
Corfu	31	88	s	Rome	29	84	f
Dublin	16	61	c	Salzburg	21	70	s
Dubrovnik	27	81	s	S Franco*	21	70	s
Faro	28	84	s	Santiago*	15	59	s
Florence	27	81	c	S Paulo*	20	68	c
Frankfurt	21	70	f	Seoul	30	86	f
Funchal	24	75	s	Sing'por	-	-	-
Geneva	23	73	f	St'kholm	22	72	f
Gibraltar	29	84	f	Strasb'rg	23	73	f
Helsinki	20	68	f	Sydney	17	63	s
Hong K	32	90	s	Tangier	35	95	f
Innsbruck	19	66	r	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Istanbul	25	77	f	Tenerife	28	82	s
Jeddah	38	100	s	Tokyo	31	88	s
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Toronto*	18	64	c
Karachi	29	84	f	Tunis	36	97	s
L Palmas	27	81	s	Valencia	31	88	f
La Toquet	21	70	f	Vanc'ver*	-	-	-
Lisbon	26	79	s	Venice	25	77	s
Locarno	29	84	f	Vienna	18	64	r
L Angels*	21	70	f	Warsaw	19	66	c
Luxemb'g	21	70	f	Washton*	24	75	s
Luxor	41	106	s	Wel'ton	-	-	-
Madrid	32	90	s	Zurich	21	70	f

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: London, Weather Centre, and Southend, Essex, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Herne Bay, Kent, 0.42 in; highest sunshine: Bristol, 13.2 hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 25C (77F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 16C (64F). Humidity: 6 pm, 54 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.4 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1012.5 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F) min 6 pm to 6 am, 16C (61F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.07 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.4 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 20C (68F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 16C (61F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.19 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.5 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.9	-	21	70	cloudy
Hunstanton	5.8	-	25	77	bright
Lowestoft	7.8	-	27	81	bright
Southend	10.7	-	25	77	sunny
Folkestone	9.9	-	22	72	sunny
Eastbourne	10.5	-	21	70	sunny
Worthing	10.7	-	22	72	sunny
Bognor R	11.4	-	21	70	sunny
Sandown	8.9	-	23	73	sunny
Shanklin	6.4	-	22	72	bright
Swanage	9.1	-	21	70	sunny
Exmouth	2.7	-	22	72	cloudy
Teignmouth	6.3	-	23	73	sunny
Torquay	5.5	-	23	73	cloudy
Penzance	3.6	.02	22	72	rain
Scilly Isles	4.0	.17	21	70	shower
Guernsey	11.3	-	26	79	sunny
Newquay	5.4	-	23	73	cloudy
Minehead	1.3	-	24	75	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	0.4	.56	19	66	rain
Douglas	-	.45	17	63	rain
B'ham Airpt	2.9	-	25	77	cloudy
Bristol (Cnt)	2.8	-	25	77	bright
Leeds	0.6	-	21	70	cloudy
London	8.4	-	25	77	bright
Manchester	1.4	.07	21	70	rain
N'cstl-u-Tyne	0.2	.07	20	68	rain
Anglesey	0.3	.67	17	63	rain
Cardiff (Cnt)	2.8	.05	24	75	rain
Tenby	0.2	.32	20	68	rain
Aberdeen	2.3	.16	22	72	shower
Aviemore	2.8	.04	21	70	shower
Edinburgh	0.4	.02	22	72	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.67	18	64	rain
Glasgow	2.8	.19	20	68	shower
Lerwick	1.0	.37	13	55	rain
Prestwick	0.4	.42	18	64	shower
Stornoway	2.9	.80	15	59	rain
Wick	2.2	.13	19	66	shower
Belfast	0.1	.31	18	64	rain

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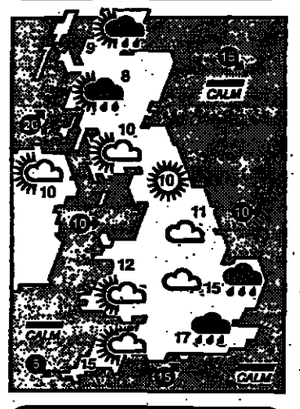

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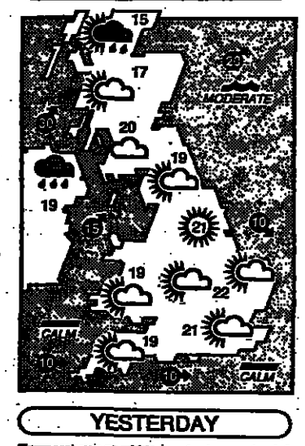


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.03 pm to 5.10 am
Bristol 9.12 pm to 5.19 am
Edinburgh 9.31 pm to 5.06 am
Manchester 9.18 pm to 5.11 am
Penzance 9.20 pm to 5.05 am

Sun rises: 5.38 am
Sun sets: 8.33 pm
Moon rises: 3.44 pm
Moon sets: 11.07 pm
Full Moon August 17

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	r	Guernsey	20	68	f
B'ringham	24	75	f	Inverness	17	63	r
Blackpool	18	64	r	Jersey	22	72	s
Bristol	23	73	c	London	24	75	f
Cardiff	22	72	f	Manchester	19	66	r
Edinburgh	20	68	f	Newcastle	20	68	c
Glasgow	20	68	f	R'dnidwells	16	61	r

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 6.30am, 7am, 8.10pm, 8.40pm, 10pm and 11pm

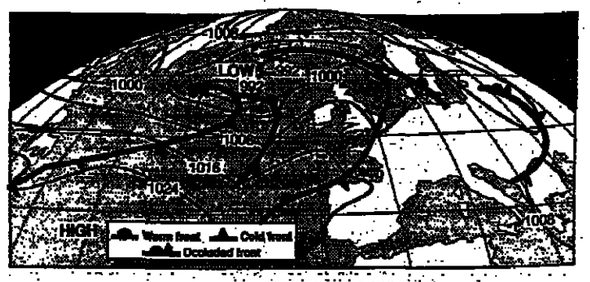
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.55	5.9	8.12	5.6
Aberdeen	7.24	3.3	8.10	3.2
Avonmouth	12.37	10.5	12.58	9.8
Belfast	5.30	2.9	5.57	2.8
Cardiff	12.22	9.8	12.41	9.3
Devonport	11.32	4.4	11.52	4.4
Dover	4.49	5.4	5.14	5.3
Falmouth	11.32	4.2	11.22	4.2
Glasgow	5.32	4.2	6.05	4.0
Harwich	5.40	3.4	5.54	3.3
Holyhead	4.15	4.4	4.57	4.3
Hull	12.04	6.0	12.23	5.8
Ilfracombe	11.51	5.8	—	—
King's Lynn	11.17	5.0	11.59	4.6
Leith	8.48	4.4	9.16	4.3

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	4.5a	7.4	6.35	7.2
Lowestoft	3.58	2.0	3.58	2.1
Margate	6.02	4.8	6.23	3.9
Milford Haven	—	—	12.15	5.2
Newquay	11.13	5.3	11.36	5.2
Oban	11.53	2.9	—	—
Penzance	10.46	4.4	11.07	4.4
Portland	—	—	12.09	1.5
Portsmouth	5.24	3.7	5.55	3.8
Shoreham	4.58	4.6	5.27	4.7
Southampton	4.58	3.6	5.32	3.7
Swansea	—	—	12.25	7.3
Tees	10.01	4.3	10.39	4.1
Wilton-on-Hse	5.27	3.5	5.54	3.5

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are BST

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

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THURSDAY AUGUST 10 1989

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6195 (–0.0040)

W German mark
3.0746 (–0.0019)

Exchange index
91.9 (–0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1972.0 (+9.7)

FT-SE 100
2360.4 (+12.3)

USM (Datastream)
174.39 (–0.82)

Bid talk helps Wall Street to edge near record

By Neil Bennett, London and Mike Graham, New York

The New York Stock Exchange edged close to a record yesterday as the market was buoyed by hotel and airline shares in the spotlight because of takeover speculation.

Transport stocks were strongest, with UAL, the parent of United Airlines, jumping another 17¾ points to 237 on news that Mr Marvin Davis' takeover offer was worth $230 (£141) a share.

The market surged late in the morning, with the Dow Jones industrial average touching 2,715, just below the record of 2,722.42 reached on August 25, 1987. It slipped to 2,703.34 in the afternoon.

Hilton Hotels was up 5⅛ halfway through the session at $113, on speculation that the group might become a takeover target.

In London, the stock market continued to move higher, against a background of bid speculation. By the close, the FT-SE 100 index was up 12.3 points at 2,360.4, a post-crash high. Share prices are now on average almost a third higher than at the beginning of the year. The FT-SE is only 83 points behind its record set on July 16, 1987.

Wall Street analysts suggested that the overall rise in the stock market was due to a belief among traders that the economy had slowed as much as it was going to this year and that predictions of future corporate earnings were likely to be high.

Other heavily traded stocks included Paramount, which last month lost its battle for Time and has now itself become the subject of takeover speculation.

Cablevision announced it had a large stake in the film company and suggested it might attempt a takeover.

UAL's rise pushed other stocks up as Pan-Am said it might consider buying the company if UAL offered itself for sale as a way of avoiding a Davis takeover. Pan-Am has already indicated that it needs to take over another carrier to survive. It lost its bid to merge with NWA, the parent of Northwest Airlines, last month.

● Mr Nicholas Brady, the US Treasury Secretary, said interest rates might come down now that financial markets could see possible solutions for Third World debt and the crisis in the US savings and loans industry.

However, he was immediately contradicted by Mr Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, who said the government was not assuming any new liabilities in relation to America's thrift institutions, but simply substituting one type of liability for another.

"Merely changing paper is not going to alter the market's perception of the balance of supply and demand for funds," he said.

Legislation designed to help out the thrifts was signed yesterday. The cost of closing or selling about 500 insolvent thrifts is estimated at $166 billion (£102 billion) over 10 years. Some of this will be spent before the end of the financial year on September 30.

Ansbacher falls 27%

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, reports a 27 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £2.19 million for the six months to June.

Sir Philip Shelbourne, the chairman, said the figures do not reflect underlying progress because of the policy of only accounting for fees actually collected. There will once again be no interim dividend.

Likely buyer

Mr William Simon, a former US Treasury Secretary who is prepared to back Hoylake's assault on BAT with a maximum personal commitment of £1 million, is a potential buyer of BAT's Farmers group. Comment, page 23

Profit jump

Sea Containers, under £532 million threat from Stena of Sweden and Tiphook, reports sharply higher second-quarter net profits of $19.43 million (£12 million) against $7.72 million.

STOCK MARKETS

New York:	
Dow Jones	2702.96 (+3.79)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	34859.27 (+99.79)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2827.31 (+16.37)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	197.8 (+0.5)
Sydney: AO	1695.3 (–3.7)
Frankfurt: DAX	1608.71 (+6.12)
Brussels:	
General	6810.09 (+2.26)
Paris: CAC	506.6 (+3.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	667.4 (+7.5)
London:	
FT–A All-Shars	1200.27 (+5.72)
FT–"500"	1329.92 (+6.43)
FT. Gold Mines	197.9 (–0.3)
FT. Fixed Interest	87.38 (–0.25)
FT. Govt Secs	87.38 (+0.04)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Desoutter	682½p (+142p)
J Smurfit	581p (+22p)
Pearson	756p (+30p)
Carlton Comm	854½p (+12p)
Electra	359½p (+22p)
Cable & Wireless	558½p (+25p)
Pilkington	258p (+11p)
Harland Simon	717p (+29p)
VG Instruments	413½p (+31p)
Trafalgar House	482p (+11½p)
GKN	457½p (+13p)
Hawker Siddeley	749½p (+15p)
Highgate & Job	197½p (+17p)
Christies Intnl	325p (+10p)
Wellcome	503½p (+11p)
BAT	864½p (+18p)
FALLS:	
Ultramar	324½p (–12p)
THORN EMI	834½p (–13p)
Courts Furnishers	182½p (–13p)
Candover	422½p (–15p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	29699
SEAQ Volume	521.9m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 14%
3-month interbank 13¹⁵/₁₆-13¾%
3-month eligible bills: 13¹¹/₃₂-13⁹/₁₆% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 9⁵/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.93-7.92%*
30-year bonds 108²¹/₃₂-108¹¹/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6195	£: $1.6173*
£: DM3.0746	$: DM1.9005*
£: SwFr2.6503	$: SwFr1.6355*
£: FFr10.3972	$: FFr6.4245*
£: Yen225.52	$: Yen139.20*
£: Index:91.9	$: Index:68.8
ECU £n/a	SDR £0.784713

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $365.15 pm-$364.60
close $365.25-365.75 (£225.75-226.25)
New York:
Comex $365.20-365.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) — $16.80 bbl ($16.45)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.193	2.053
Austria Sch	22.45	21.20
Belgium Fr	67.25	63.45
Canada $	1.885	1.855
Denmark Kr	12.37	11.77
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.85
France Fr	10.78	10.18
Germany Dm	3.18	3.02
Greece Dr	276.50	253.50
Hong Kong $	13.57	12.77
Ireland Pt	1.303	1.133
Italy Lire	2305	2175
Japan Yen	240	224
Netherlands Gld	3.205	3.405
Norway Kr	11.74	11.09
Portugal Esc	288.50	262.50
South Africa Rd	4.95	4.45
Spain Pta	198.5	187.50
Sweden Kr	10.90	10.30
Switzerland Fr	2.76	2.60
Turkey Lira	3955	3395
USA $	1.765	1.635
Yugoslavia Dnr	40000	30000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 116.4 (June)

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Ultramar gas find as profit soars to £62m

By David Young and Colin Campbell

The deepest wells yet drilled in the North Sea have resulted in a significant discovery by Ultramar. It could yield more than 200 million barrels of gas condensate in the 1990s.

Ultramar also announced interim results yesterday, with profits from operations up by 175 per cent from £22.7 million to £62.5 million in the six months ended June, after £27.6 million (£7.3 million) in the second quarter.

Oil analysts at Smith New Court, the broker, described the results as "bumper."

The discovery, named the Franklin field, on block 29/5b, could be expensive to exploit due to the extreme depth of the reservoir and the massive pressures involved, and because the field is not close to existing pipelines.

Ultramar is hopeful that its proposals to develop the field will be given government approval by 1993, with production starting in 1997.

The reservoir was discovered by Ranger Oil at a depth of 15,000 feet in 1985 and since then Ultramar, which holds 21.25 per cent of the licence and will act as the operating company on the project, has spent $18 million (£11 million) to drill a further appraisal well.

This has shown that the oil reservoir stretched down to a depth of 19,010 feet.

British Gas has 23.75 per cent of the field, Elf 15 per cent, Amerada Hess 12.5 per cent, Fina and Ranger 10 per cent each and Union Jack Oil 7.5 per cent. The field also contains large amounts of dry gas and, ironically, because of the British Gas involvement, its development could be delayed.

There are several large gas condensate deposits in the same area 159 miles east of Aberdeen, which have been fully evaluated and could come on stream late in the 1990s, meeting all British Gas needs. This could result in British Gas using its vote in operating committee negotiations to put back the full development of the Franklin field until early next century. Meanwhile, Mr John Darby, Ultramar's chairman, said cash flow from operations at £140.8 million (£72.2 million) was a half-year record.

At the net level, earnings were 17.1p against advertised net earnings for the first half of 1988 of 14.1p a share, but analysts point out that this figure included a £17.4 million exceptional benefit from a pension fund surplus, and that a cleaner comparison should be made with 1988 first-half earnings of 7.8p a share. This would then translate into a 119 per cent advance in net interim earnings.

Ultramar is raising its interim dividend from 2.5p to 3p a share. The shares, however, lost 12p to 325p. Analysts said there had been a sharp run-up in the shares before the results and profit-takers had moved in.

The shares are also being judged on their fundamentals, not on takeover prospects, after Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, sold his 14.45 per cent stake.

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JAMES MORGAN

Fighting fit: David Lees with a model of the Warrior, announcing record profits yesterday

GKN rises to record £110m at half time

By Martin Waller

GKN showed the benefits of strong demand for automotive parts in most of its main markets with record £110.1 million pre-tax profits in the six months to end-June against £84 million last time.

The figures were well ahead of expectations, and the shares rose by 13p to 458p. With earnings per share 27 per cent higher at 26p, the interim dividend rises from 6.25p to 7.5p.

Related companies' operating profits were up 38 per cent to £27.4 million, underlying growth of 25 per cent combining with a £2.5 million first-time contribution from its minority stake in Westland acquired in October. The market expects an eventual bid for

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the rest of the helicopter producer, but Mr David Lees, the GKN chairman, would only say his company was "comfortable" with its relationship with Westland.

Neither exchange rates nor the £50 million spent on acquisitions during the first half had any material effect on the half-way figures, he added.

"We have seen a broad-based improvement in nearly all our underlying businesses."

However, "there are signs of a slowdown in demand in some markets we serve, particularly North America. There are other markets where we see no such signs," he added, singling out the automotive business in this country and the rest of Europe.

This surge of demand meant that for the first time this decade manning levels at GKN's British operations rose over the six months, although only by a modest 100 jobs.

Production of the Warrior mechanised infantry combat vehicle continued at full capacity. GKN produces 140 Warriors a year, at about £500,000 each, for the British Army.

Racal Electronics chief attacked over pay increase

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The controversy over executives' salaries continued yesterday at the Racal Electronics annual meeting, when Sir Ernest Harrison, the chairman came under shareholder fire for his 24 per cent pay increase, to close on £305,000.

The emoluments of other Racal Electronics directors were up 19 per cent.

It followed the anger over pay rises at the twin Racal Telecom operation, where Mr Gerry Whent, the chief executive, saw his salary increase from nearly £95,000 to £241,000.

One shareholder at the Racal Electronics annual meeting called for increases like Sir Ernest's to be made "less obtrusive." He said that at the same time as directors were paying themselves more, "only modest amounts" were being given to charity. Others complained of the lack of shareholder perks.

In a robust reply Sir Ernest said: "My salary and that of others is not high by international standards."

He reminded the meeting that he, like others of his top executives, had no outside businesses interests, and devoted all his time to Racal.

Sir Ernest drew shareholders' attention to the company's performance, with earnings per share in the year up by 30 per cent and the dividend rising by 35 per cent for the second year running.

He said the share price had been passing through a difficult time, because of confusion over whether Racal was excluded from competing in the emerging new personal communications system market.

It had since been made clear that Racal Vodafone would be open to compete in this new sector, and when this sank in he expected the market to mark up Racal shares again.

Harrison: defended salary

M&S in talks to buy Madrid department store

Marks and Spencer is negotiating to buy a Madrid department store as part of its plans to become a leading global retailer (Gillian Bowditch writes). If the deal goes ahead it will give the group its first Marks and Spencer store in Spain and a base from which to expand.

M&S is involved with Cortefiel, a leading Spanish department group, to buy one of the Celso Garcia stores. Celso Garcia, which has two department stores, seven small properties and a menswear factory, was a successful business trading at the higher end of the market until the Garcia family sold out to a property group thee years ago.

Since then its fortunes have been on the wane and the group was put up for sale in April. The group is valued at about £40 million and M&S and its partner may have to pay as much as £15 million for the Madrid store.

M&S's only retailing interests in Spain at present are franchises in two of the Galerias Preciados department stores, part of Mountleigh, the British property group. M&S said the Celso Garcia deal is part of the group's plans for expansion in Europe which include further acquisitions in France. It expects negotiations over the Spanish store to be concluded by this time next month.

There is a possibility that Cortefiel would manage the store for M&S if the deal goes ahead.

Desoutter accepts £88m Swedish bid

By Melinda Wittstock

Desoutter Brothers, the family-controlled manufacturer of electric and pneumatic power tools, has accepted an £88.7 million cash bid from Atlas Copco, the Swedish mechanical engineer, in a defensive move against other potentially hostile bidders.

Mr Roger Desoutter, who will continue as chairman in the short term, said his family, realizing its 54 per cent shareholding was being eroded, sought an acceptable buyer which would allow it to trade independently with the Desoutter brand name.

Atlas is offering 700p cash for each ordinary Desoutter share and 120p cash for each preference share, valuing Desoutter at a premium of 96 per cent over the price of its shares on July 31, when the company announced it had received an approach. Shares in Desoutter soared 142p to 683p on the news. Atlas, which is also offering Desoutter shareholders a full loan note alternative, has received irrevocable acceptances from holders of 50.7 per cent of ordinary shares and 5.9 per cent of preference shares.

Mr Desoutter said the offer would allow the group "to expand abroad in a way which we couldn't do as a small company."

The deal, subject to shareholder approval, will not result in any job losses.

As part of the deal, Mr Desoutter and his son Charles, will acquire the business of Desoutter Medical for about £850,000 cash. That company will start trading as a separate private entity in January next year.

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	Six Months Ended 30 June 1989 £000	Six Months Ended 30 June 1988 £000	Year Ended 31 Dec 1988 £000
Turnover	321,912	284,535	592,157
Operating Profit	15,873	12,289	33,658
Profit before Tax	14,331	11,743	32,380
Earnings per Share	13.4p	11.3p	32.8p
Ordinary Dividend	4.5p	3.5p	13.5p

The abridged profit and loss account for the year 1988 is an extract from the latest published accounts which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies, the audit report for these accounts was unqualified.

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Man who was Lloyd's brightest star heavily criticized

QCs say Outhwaite names have a case

By Gillian Bowditch

The 1,600 Lloyd's investors, including sporting stars Virginia Wade and Tony Jacklin, facing potential losses of £1 billion from the troubled Outhwaite 1982 syndicate, are preparing to sue the Outhwaite Agency. They have taken counsel's opinion and believe they have a strong case against the underwriter.

Mr Anthony Boswood QC and Mr Michael Hart QC are of the opinion that Mr Richard Outhwaite, once considered the brightest underwriter at Lloyd's, "fell far below the standard of skill and competence reasonably expected of him in the conduct of the syndicate's affairs."

So far the Outhwaite losses have topped £300 million and are the biggest in the history of Lloyd's, but Mr David Lentaigne, an Outhwaite name and secretary of the Outhwaite 1982 Names Association, believes they will exceed £1 billion as claims on the syndicate continue to flow in. Lloyd's names sign an agreement which gives them unlimited liability to their syndicate's losses.

Mr Lentaigne says so far about 20 of the Outhwaite names are facing imminent bankruptcy. One name who had an insurance line of £40,000 with Outhwaite and who wanted to buy an insurance policy against further Outhwaite 1982 losses, was quoted a premium price of £300,000.

So far 951 of the 1,600 Outhwaite names have indicated their interest in suing for damages by joining the Outhwaite Names Association. All have received a copy of counsel's opinion which says that a claim for negligence is likely to succeed and have been invited to a meeting on September 14 in London to discuss possible legal action.

Counsel advises that the 100 direct names should sue the Outhwaite Agency and the indirect names should sue their own members' agent, with whom they have a contract. According to counsel, this course maximizes the prospect of successful recovery. It does not involve any adverse comment on the skill, judgement or integrity of the members' agents.

The claim is likely to be advanced on the basis that had Mr Outhwaite properly discharged his duty of care, none of the 32 run-off policies written by him would have been written.

Counsel has come to the conclusion that a claim against Lloyd's itself would fail. But Mr Lentaigne believes there will be further crises in future years at Lloyd's. "So far there are $150 billion of claims for toxic tort in the US. These have been identified but have not yet trickled through to Lloyd's. There is the potential for further major losses at Lloyd's," he says.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Porvair shares slump after profit warning

Shares in Porvair, the USM plastics manufacturer, fell 35p to 85p after a warning that half-year results to the end of May will not match last year's £460,000 and that the second half will also be bleak. The company blames the recruitment of specialized staff to help planned diversification and resulting high overheads, along with the warm winter reducing demand for the Porelle waterproof fabric, and teething problems at a new plant.

Prospects for Porelle, Permair and new products under development are said to remain excellent. Mr John Morgan, managing director, said: "Our long-term future remains exciting. The profits decline which we will suffer in the current financial year is a temporary setback."

Coloroll in $45m sale

Coloroll, the home products group, has sold LD Brinkman, its US subsidiary, to LPS Acquisition for $45 million (£27.7 million) — $28 million in cash, $2 million of subordinated notes, and the assumption by LPS of Brinkman's $15 million of external debt. In the 15 months to March 31, Brinkman made pre-tax profits of $1.45 million.

Aitch cuts losses

Aitch Holdings, the fashion group, reduced losses for the six months to end-May to £72,000, compared with £165,000 last year, on turnover up from £6.33 million to £13.03 million. Operating profits for the period were £424,000, compared with a loss of £85,000 last time. The loss per share is reduced from 1.16p to 0.21p. There is no interim dividend.

McKay up to £3.2m

McKay Securities, the property group, has announced raised pre-tax profits from £2.95 million to £3.2 million in the year to end-March and an increase in net asset value from 220p to 263p a share. The total dividend rises 0.5p to 5.3p a share.

Gross rents rose from £6 million to £7.2 million and the interest charge rose from £617,000 to £788,000. A directors' revaluation of the group's UK investment properties showed a £10.9 million surplus, increasing the book value by 17.6 per cent. Shareholders' funds rose from £59.3 million to £71.1 million.

WH Smith in £5.5m sale

WH Smith, the retail and distribution group, has agreed to sell the business equipment division of Sandhurst Marketing in a deal worth about £5.5 million. The buyer is the existing management team and Southern Business Group. The net assets include the assumption by WH Smith of about £12 million of associated borrowings.

Chancery expands

Chancery, the merchant bank and financial services group, is to pay an initial £1.1 million for ABG Financial Services, and may pay up to £3.4 million over the next 10 years, depending on the performance of ABG. ABG, a life and pensions intermediary, had pre-tax profits of £205,446 for the year to end-June, and net assets of £144,167.

British Alcan at £27m

British Alcan Aluminium, a subsidiary of Canada's Alcan Aluminium, had pre-tax profits of £27.2 million in the half-year to June, about the same level as in the similar period the year before.

Turnover was up 18 per cent, at £452.2 million, but sales volume increased only marginally, the higher value mainly reflecting higher costs for raw materials and aluminium bought in. Another £4 million was provided for restructuring costs. Interest charges were £2.1 million up on the previous year, a 32 per cent increase.

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GKN continues its defensive dance

GKN continues its elegant fan dance aimed at concealing the exact benefits of its lucrative contract to provide Warrior combat vehicles to the Ministry of Defence.

Cynics in the City say a full disrobing could cost Mr David Lees its chairman, a knighthood. The upshot is that a group refocused into three operating areas, defence, automotive, and services, is forced to continue with a lopsided accounting structure which unhelpfully combines the first two.

GKN's interim pre-tax profits, up from £84 million to £110.1 million, were £5 million ahead of best City estimates. The figures benefited from the unexpected strength of the automotive market, with new car registrations up by between 3 and 10 per cent in most of its markets, and from a particularly good performance from its building services operations in Britain.

Against these, there was a small downturn in the American passenger car market, although new models coming on stream at the end of last year will mean sales for the current period should be ahead of last year's.

GKN's return, after a two-year gap, to the FT-SE 100 index is more good news. Its recent début on the Tokyo stock market should bolster the group's chances of work from the big Japanese car makers located in Britain.

Further afield, Warrior should start to see its first export orders in five years' time, although some analysts are sceptical of prospects for such a high-cost vehicle in Third World markets.

Best half-time results: Ultramar chairman John Darby

Its stake in Westland, equity-accounted as a 29.9 per cent holding, contributed about £2.5 million to related companies' profits, so covering its financing costs. A full bid remains on the cards, perhaps to tie in with any turbulence from Westland's imminent order gap.

The shares improved 13p to 458p. Given an achievable £210 million in the current year, they are therefore changing hands at 9.3 times future earnings, while a total dividend of 20p suggests a prospective yield of almost 6 per cent. They look a firm long-term hold and should be bought on any weakness.

Ultramar

Ultramar must feel there is no justice in the stock market. On the back of best-ever half-time results, and despite a positive glow about the rest of the year, the shares yesterday shed 12p to 325p.

The market appears to have taken to heart Ultramar's warning that downstream margins in the second half are likely to be thinner than in the first.

Concern about the possibility of an acquisition from the old Texaco fold in eastern Canada was also a factor in unsettling the price.

However, the share's weakness could usefully be used as a buying opportunity for those with the medium term in mind.

Not only should the year's margins still be respectable, despite the expected second-half weakness, but there is enough internal energy within downstream operations to suggest profits will continue to march forward.

Half-time profits from operations at £62.5 million registered a 175 per cent advance over last year's £22.7 million, while net earnings rose from an advertised 14.1p to 17.1p a share, for a 21 per cent increase.

A cleaner comparison on the earnings front would be to strip out last year's first-half £17.4 million net exceptional from the terminated Canadian pension fund, and thereby show that net earnings rose even more sharply.

Confirmation that the Franklin gas/condensate field 150 miles east of Aberdeen — in which Ultramar is operator and holds a 21.25 per cent stake — is commercially viable, and looks big, deep and healthy, is positive news.

The second half will benefit from the $142 million proceeds from the sale of four tankers, and benefits should flow from the improved efficiencies at the group's Californian operations and at the Canadian refinery.

Top of the range forecasts are for £120 million net income, to put the shares on a rating of 9.8. Break-up valuation ranges between 400p and 450p a share.

Takeover talk has faded now Sir Ron Brierley has offloaded his 14.45 per cent stake but fundamentals rule and Ultramar is attractive.

Commercial Union

Commercial Union's first-half figures were some way below expectations, largely because of hailstorms in the US in the second quarter and an increase in big claims in Britain. But it would be wrong to make too much out of a three-month spell of unseasonably strong gusts. CU's profits were on a downtrend anyway, with the rest of the industry.

The problem is that global rises in equity markets have strengthened insurers' balance sheets, which, in view of good underwriting results in recent years, has encouraged them to write more business. These additions to capacity have led to rate-cutting battles round the world. Indeed, CU is finding conditions more competitive in 50 of the 75 countries in which it operates.

Analysts had been expecting profits in the full year to fall by at least £20 million from the £202 million reported in 1988 and most have now cut their estimates by a further £10 million. Forecasts for 1990 are being pared to as low as £140 million, which would mean earnings dropping a full 10p below last year's 29p.

The question then is what will happen to the dividend. CU has a history of being more restrained in its payout than Sun Alliance, for instance, where dividends have more than doubled over the past five years. CU's interim is to rise by 12 per cent to 8.15p, but if this annual rate of increase were maintained the dividend would be uncovered by earnings next year.

Thereafter, matters may depend on what Sun Alliance planned when it bought Adelaide Steamship's 13 per cent stake last week. There are two schools of thought about its motives: that it wanted to prevent a European predator from scooping up CU to break into the British market or that it wants CU itself.

Given that CU shares, at 404p, languish a full 52p below the price paid for the Adsteam stake, the market seems to be siding with the first view. But if Andrew Goodwin of Phillips & Drew is right in predicting that Sun Alliance will bid 600p in due course, whether CU's dividend will be covered in 1991 becomes academic.

International fund will invest £550m in unquoted investments

Electra forms new management firm

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Electra, the £500 million investment trust, is to split off its management company as part of a plan to develop an international fund management business in unquoted investments.

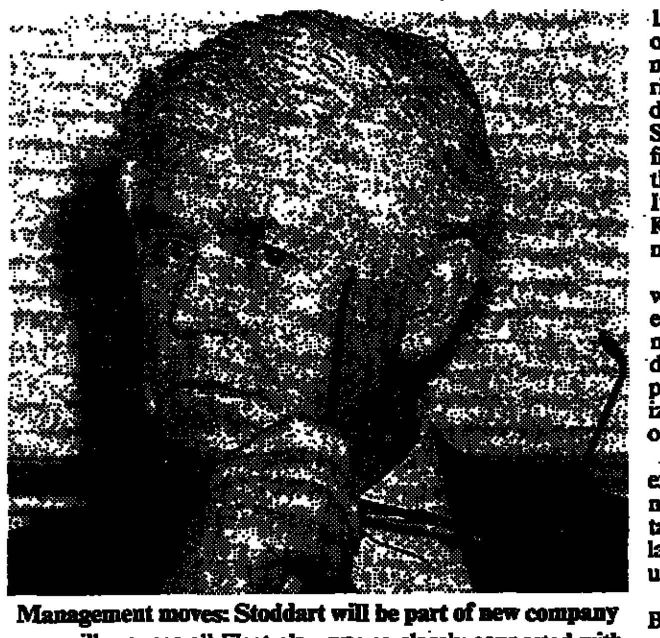
The new company will launch a limited partnership that will invest up to £550 million for Electra and international financial institutions.

Mr Michael Bentley, Electra's chief executive, said the main object was to make the entire Electra group more able to meet rising competition from more flexible investment banks in taking a leading role in unquoted investment opportunities. Electra had been a pioneer in the business but was sometimes restricted by its investment trust status.

Given shareholders' approval, Electra's management company, headed by Mr Michael Stoddart, chairman of Electra, and Mr Bentley, will be sold to a new company, to be called Electra Kingsway Managers, in which management will own 20 per cent and Electra 49.9 per cent. The remaining 30.1 per cent will be mainly split between five core blue-chip shareholders — Industrial Bank of Japan, Crédit Commerciale de France, America's General Electric pension fund, the Singapore state investment company, and Globe, the investment trust that owns a quarter of Electra. Two other US institutions will also participate.

Unquoted investments account for 61 per cent of Electra's portfolio. It plans to divert its future equity-based unquoted investments through the new fund, Electra Private Equity.

Electra has committed an initial £200 million to the partnership, which is scheduled to last eight years. The other shareholders in Electra Kingsway have committed £165 million, leaving up to £185 million for other investors in minimum sums of £500,000. Electra has a right to 10 per cent of any capital gains realized by the new fund (provided the return exceeds 9 per cent) in addition to its share of the capital. It will receive £3.5 million cash for the sale of its management group.



Management moves: Stoddart will be part of new company

The new management company will manage all Electra's investments. Lord Vinson, who has been made a non-executive deputy chairman of Electra, said the potential conflicts of interest had been well aired with City institutions' investment protection committees before arriving at an acceptable scheme.

It was felt that Mr Stoddard was so closely connected with Electra's successful move into development capital and management buyouts that he should remain as chairman. Electra board meetings will be divided when relations with the management company are being discussed.

He said that although Electra Kingsway will charge a 1.75 per cent management fee on the new fund, Electra's management costs should not rise as a result of the scheme due to a special rebate. Shareholders would also benefit by capitalizing the value of their management's expertise. It is intended to float Electra Kingsway on the stock market.

The new equity partnership will specialize in unquoted equity or equity-linked investments to finance large scale development capital, corporate restructuring, privatizations, management buyouts and buyins.

But the partnership has excluded provising any finance for hostile leveraged takeover bids such as Hoylake's offer for BAT Industries.

It will concentrate on Britain and the Continent, where the French link is likely to prove particularly important. The new management company will start life managing about £900 million. Its backers could also call on vast resources. IBI is one of the world's largest financial institutions and the GE pension fund invests $23 billion (£14 billion).

Charges dropped in Howden fraud trial

Mr Justice David McNeill yesterday discharged the jury from giving a verdict on certain charges against Mr Kenneth Grob, the former chairman of Alexander Howden, and leading Lloyd's underwriter Mr Ian Posgate.

It is alleged Mr Grob masterminded a multi-million pound fraud on the Howden group, leading a gang of four of the company's executives in establishing a secret empire of offshore businesses to syphon off money.

And it is said that, with Mr Posgate, they conspired together to steal money from his Lloyd's syndicates and Howden to buy secretly the Banque du Rhône et de la Tamise.

Summing up at Southwark crown court, the judge said four offences of false accounting and three of publishing false statements were to be dropped against Mr Grob, of Eaton Square, Belgravia, who still denies 16 charges of theft.

The jury was also discharged from giving a verdict on a count of conspiracy to defraud against Mr Posgate, of Clarendon Road, west London, who still denies an alternative of conspiracy to steal.

The judge said that "to cause another's money to be moved from his or her bank account to a different bank account without authority is capable of being appropriation for the purposes of establishing theft." He added: "That goes very close to the case on the facts you have to try here."

The conspiracy charge against Mr Posgate, and eight related theft offences against Mr Grob relating to the bank purchase, meant there had to be an agreement for the dishonest purpose, the judge said.

He advised the jury to consider the charges against Mr Grob first because if he were not guilty of those particular eight offences Mr Posgate was not guilty. "Before you can convict Posgate, having found Grob guilty of one of more of those accounts, you must be sure Posgate agreed with at least one of Grob, Jack Carpenter, Ronald Comery, or Allen Page to steal."

Mr Comery has died, Mr Page is too ill to stand trial and Mr Carpenter was discharged from the trial last month because of ill health. The trial continues.

Forfaiting slumps to £6.5m loss

By Our City Staff

London Forfaiting, the trade finance group floated on the USM last year, fell into a pre-tax loss of £6.5 million for the six months to end-June against a £10.45 million profit this time last year.

The group, which provides fixed-interest credit to exporters, suffered a doubling in its interest charge to £14.7 million and a fall in trading income from £19.5 million to £7.1 million.

The interim dividend of 2.625p a share is maintained despite the loss per share of 3.95p against earnings of 8.58p this time last year. The shares fell 6p to 110p in line with the fall in net assets per share from 118p to 114.2p.

London Forfaiting had given warning of the impact of high interest rates and taken a more cautious view on expanding its portfolio.

Liquidity under pressure as cash takeovers rise

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Cash takeover bids have drained a substantial amount of liquidity from the company sector and bank borrowing has risen rapidly as a result. But companies are finding little difficulty in servicing debts, even at present interest rates.

This is one of the conclusions reached in the latest Bank of England *Quarterly Bulletin*, released today.

Bids are just one element to have led to a deteriorating financial position for many companies. The good news, however, is that at least until the end of last year profitability remained high.

High demand in the economy led profits in 1988 to their highest level in 25 years. The supply response was "rather impressive" in manufacturing industry, says the Bank, though the trade balance deteriorated. The labour market tightened less than at the 1973 peak in the business cycle and about the same as in 1978.

The result is that profitability has continued to recover from the trough of the 1970s and early 1980s and last year the real rate of return earned by non-North Sea companies was more than 11 per cent, its highest for 20 years.

High profitability, however, has been more than matched by a rapid increase in investment. Strong demand, with a high level of capacity utilization, has led to historically high rates of investment in much of Europe.

Capital spending plans have not been cut, despite the 1987 shares crash, and manufacturing investment rose last year by 14 per cent, construction, distribution and selected service industries increasing spending by 18 per cent. Stocks increased, though the stock-output ratio fell.

Thus, despite the high level of profitability, the company sector moved into finance deficit for the first time since 1979, though a large balancing item of unexplained transactions complicates the picture.

Bidders have been active and cash has been fashionable since the crash. Some of the funds for acquisitions have stayed in the company sector, for instance, where subsidiaries have changed hands, but about £11.5 billion of the £15.5 billion of cash spent on company purchases last year did flow out.

The Bank thinks pressures on liquidity are likely to continue, with the June DTI survey of investment intentions buoyant and the merger boom still full of impetus.

Order may net £232m for Airbus

**By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor**

Airbus Industrie, the European aircraft manufacturing consortium in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake, has won its fourth order this week — for the wide-bodied long-range A310-300.

Three aircraft on order and another three options from Pakistan International Airways could be worth a total of about $372 million (£232.5 million). The first three aircraft are due for delivery in 1991. No decision on the make of engines to be fitted has yet been made.

BAe designs and constructs the wings for the Airbus range of aircraft. The main manufacturing plants involved are at Bristol and Chester.

Lufthansa of West Germany this week ordered 20 smaller Airbus A321 aircraft with options on a further 20.

Elders chief hits at invitation to insider inquiry

Elliott criticizes request for evidence

From David Tweed, Sydney

Mr John Elliott, the Australian businessman, last night criticized a request that he give evidence to a federal parliamentary committee, which is investigating insider trading.

Mr Elliott, chairman of Elders IXL, the brewer, described the intended invitation by the inquiry's chairman, Mr Alan Griffiths, as "scurrilous" and "reprehensible" and accused the parliamentarian of trying to "usurp" the National Companies and Securities Commission (NCSC).

Mr Griffiths — chairman of the House of Representatives standing committee on legal and constitutional affairs, which is conducting public hearings into insider trading — said this week that Mr Elliott and other senior Elders executives, who controlled Harlin Holdings, an 18 per cent Elders shareholder, should be given the opportunity to respond to criticism of Harlin's on-market bid for 100 per cent of Elders.

He said the offer raised serious legal and ethical issues, particularly in relation to the fiduciary duties of directors and the rights of minority shareholders and whether management buyouts penalized tax-payers.

But Mr Elliott yesterday said Mr Griffiths' request was politically motivated and offended Harlin's offer to Elders shareholders.

"He [Mr Griffiths] is using blatant political means to try to denigrate me and Elders. I am not worried about myself but I am worried about my company," Mr Elliott said.

"What he is really saying is the NCSC don't know what they are doing, that takeover practices in Australia are unsound, and that despite the fact that we are about to send out probably 300 or 400 pages of documents to all the shareholders he has the audacity to actually link us with insider trading."

Mr Elliott declined to say whether he would refuse to come before Mr Griffiths' House of Representatives standing committee on legal and constitutional affairs, but challenged Mr Griffiths to a television debate on the matter.

After the conclusion of public hearings in Melbourne, Mr Griffiths said the committee had sufficient evidence to confirm the need for, and importance of, the review of management buyouts.

Harlin has offered to buy up to 100 per cent of Elders for Aus$3 a share. Mr Elliott has advised Elders shareholders to reject the bid, which is designed to give all investors a chance to sell their shares at $3 each, the price at which Harlin has underwritten the issue of an 18 per cent block of Elders shares owned by Petitio, a joint venture company between AFP Group and Goodman Fielder Wattie.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon (*523)	500	47	63	83	13	23	25
	550	23	35	53	38	43	47
	600	9	20	35	83	83	83
Bass (*1084)	1000	110	132	-	9	22	-
	1050	77	98	-	22	37	-
	1100	50	70	-	45	57	-
Beecham (*588)	427	177	188	-	2	1	-
	484	120	133	-	2	4	-
	541	67	85	-	8	11	-
	600	25	47	63	25	30	34
Boots (*300)	260	49	56	66	1½	4	5
	280	33	39	51	5	8	10
	300	16	27	37	10	15	17
	330	6	13	20	32	33	34
Brit Air (*203)	180	29	33	39	1½	3½	6
	200	14	20	26	7	11	14
	220	5	10	16	22	24	25
Brit Com (*194)	160	42	47	53	2	7	10
	180	28	34	40	8	16	19
	200	16	24	-	20	25	-
BP (*298)	260	43	48	-	1½	3½	-
	280	24	32	37	4	7½	10
	300	11½	20	25	11	17	19
	330	3	8	12½	36	37	38
Brit Steel (*77)	70	10½	14½	17½	1½	3½	4½
	80	5	9	12	6½	8½	8½
	90	1½	4½	7½	14	14	15
C & W (*551)	460	92	110	-	4	12	-
	500	63	80	102	11	22	27
	550	28	52	72	38	42	47
Cons Gold (*1478)	1400	87	100	-	2	3	-
	1450	45	50	-	6	13	-
	1500	5	10	-	35	37	-
Com Union (*403)	360	47	62	-	3	7	-
	390	26	40	45	10	17	22
	420	12	25	28	30	30	37
Courtauld (*370)	330	50	59	70	3	6	8
	360	28	38	49	10	14	16
	390	11	22	32	26	28	30
GKN (*456)	390	68	83	90	1½	4	8
	420	43	60	68	7	11	16
	460	20	37	45	26	29	36
Grand Met (*628)	550	85	112	123	6	11	16
	600	48	74	88	19	24	31
	650	23	47	62	45	47	53
ICI (*1312)	1200	109	154	172	17	23	37
	1250	74	119	137	30	38	50
	1300	45	87	105	55	65	75
	1350	25	60	-	90	97	-
Jaguar (*402)	360	53	70	78	8	13	18
	390	34	50	60	17	20	32
	420	20	37	47	36	39	45
Kingfisher (*364)	330	43	58	70	4½	9	13
	360	23	36	48	16	20	23
	390	9	21	33	31	36	38
Ladbroke (*328)	300	38	44	54	5	9	11
	325	18	28	-	14	18	-
	360	5½	13	21	38	40	43
Land Sec (*601)	550	72	87	102	5	9	13
	600	35	50	70	20	25	30
	650	13	28	-	52	55	-
M & S (*216)	180	46	51	60	1	2½	3½
	200	28	35	40	3	5½	8
	220	12	19	27	9	12	14
STC (*375)	330	53	68	-	5	9	-
	360	34	47	53	13	18	22
	390	17	31	39	29	31	36
Sainsbury (*264)	240	53	59	67	1	3	3
	260	34	41	49	3	5	7
	280	20	27	33	8	12	14
Shell (*437)	390	50	65	73	5	7	11
	420	25	40	51	9	15	18
	460	9	20	28	31	36	39
Storehse (*142)	140	11	17	22	7	9	11
	160	4	8	11	20	22	24
	180	1½	3½	7	41	41	42
Trafalgar (*404)	317	97	102	-	1	2	-
	347	70	78	-	1½	4	-
	377	44	50	-	7	11	-
Ultramar (*325)	300	40	50	58	6	9	14
	330	20	33	40	16	23	25
	360	8	20	24	36	40	42
Unilever (*539)	550	102	120	-	1½	4	-
	600	59	78	95	8	13	18
	650	29	45	62	27	33	36
Utd Bisc (*403)	360	58	68	82	5	10	13
	390	36	49	62	14	19	22
	420	22	34	47	28	36	40
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*374)	330	45	61	67	½	4	7
	360	15	37	45	½	9	15
	390	½	17	28	18	24	28
BAT Ind (*865)	850	20	80	105	2	55	80
	900	2	55	82	45	85	90
	950	1	37	60	95	115	122
BTR (*427)	360	70	77	90	½	2	3
	390	40	51	66	½	6	10
	420	9	30	48	1	18	20
Brit Aero (*713)	650	65	90	115	½	14	22
	700	17	58	87	2	31	40
	750	1	33	61	40	62	68
Brit Tele (*256)	240	19	31	35	½	3	5
	250	½	16	21	3	7½	11½
	280	½	7	10½	23	23	25
Cadbury (*439)	420	20	49	62	1	17	27
	460	1	28	42	25	40	48
	500	½	18	28	64	70	75
Guinness (*586)	460	127	137	150	1	1½	3
	500	87	100	115	1	4	7
	550	37	68	77	1	13	18
GEC (*280)	240	41	52	59	½	2	4½
	260	21	34	41	½	5	8
	280	2½	19	27	2	10	15

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Hanson (*239)	180	58½	65	66	½	1	1
	200	38½	45½	46½	½	1	2
	220	18½	27½	30	½	3	5½
	240	½	14	16½	3½	9	12
LASMO (*508)	479	30	38	-	½	10	-
	500	10	44	60	2	22	24
	550	1	22	35	45	53	56
P & O (*694)	650	45	72	97	1	20	23
	700	1	40	67	12	40	45
	750	1	23	45	62	72	77
Pilkington (*257)	220	38	48	52	1	3	4
	240	18	31	38	1	6	8
	260	1	18	25	4	14	16
Plessey (*267)	240	27	32	35	½	1½	3
	260	7	15	16	½	4	5
	280	½	4	5	15	16	15
Prudential (*203)	160	43	47	51	1	1½	2
	180	23	28	33	1	3	5
	200	3	13	19	2	10	11
Racal (*435)	420	15	47	65	1	18	25
	460	1	28	45	27	38	44
	500	½	16	29	67	68	69
	550	½	6	15	117	117	117
RTZ (*561)	453	109	120	137	1	2	3
	493	70	83	100	1	5	9
	542	21	45	65	2	15	20
Scot & New (*395)	330	68	80	92	1	7	10
	360	38	63	70	1	11	18
	390	8	42	52	2	18	28
Tesco (*212)	160	53	58	61	1	1½	2
	180	33	37	44	1	3	5
	200	13	20	30	1	8	9
	Series	Sep	Nov	Jan	Sep	Nov	Jan
ASDA (*208)	160	46	49	-	1	3½	-
	180	28	33	40	4	8	10
	200	16	22	28	12	16	17
Gateway (*231)	200	-	32	-	1	1	-
	220	12	12	-	1	1	-
	240	1	1	-	-	11	-
	Series	Sep	Nov	Jan	Sep	Nov	Jan
Abbey Nat (*145)	140	12	15	19	3	4	5
	160	2½	6	8	16	16	17
	180	1	3½	4	36	36	36
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad (*88)	60	13	15	19	2	4½	6
	70	6	9	14	7½	8½	11
	80	2½	5	10	14	15	17
	90	1	3½	7	23	24	25
Barclays (*522)	460	62	72	88	3	7	11
	500	26	44	56	12	19	26
	550	7	20	32	48	49	56
Blue Circ (*276)	230	52	-	-	1½	-	-
	250	34	42	50	2	6	8
	275	15	25	34	12	15	17
	300	5½	14	22	30	31	32
Brit Gas (*206)	180	31½	37	41	1	1½	3
	200	13	20	24	2½	4½	7½
	220	3½	9½	13	14½	16	16
Dixons (*163)	140	23	31	36	2½	5½	9
	160	10	20	25	10	14	18
	180	4½	11	17	26	28	29
Glaxo (*1548)	1400	172	200	232	5	19	27
	1450	127	160	194	12	34	42
	1500	87	130	162	27	50	59
	1550	62	100	127	47	72	79
Hawker (*753)	700	72	89	112	8	18	24
	750	37	57	82	24	33	45
	800	14	35	57	54	57	62
Hillsdown (*307)	260	50	58	69	1	4	6
	280	34	44	54	4	8	10
	300	20	32	40	11	18	19
Lonrho (*287)	257	38	50	-	3	6	-
	283	18	30	-	8	13	-
	309	8	18	-	25	28	-
Midland (*342)	300	44	50	-	1½	3	-
	329	18	31	-	7	11	-
	357	6	-	-	27	-	-
	390	1	8	-	59	59	-
R-Royce (*191)	180	17½	23½	30	3	6½	8
	200	6	12	18	13	16	18
	220	2	6	11	30	32	33
Sears (*132)	110	25	28	32½	1	1	3
	120	18	19½	23½	1½	2½	5½
	130	8	12½	17	4½	7	10
THF (*348)	330	29	39	49	7	13	15
	360	11	22	31	20	25	28
	390	3½	12	19	44	47	52
Thorn EMI (*838)	750	110	135	152	2	8	13
	800	65	94	115	9	18	24
	850	30	58	80	27	36	42
TSB (*111)	100	13	15	17	1	2½	4
	110	4	9	10	4½	6½	8
	120	1½	4	6	14	13	16
Vaal Reefs (*$82)	70	17	19	20	1½	2½	3½
	80	7	8	12	4	5½	7½
	90	2½	4½	8	10	11	12
Wellcome (*500)	420	88	100	115	1½	5	8
	460	52	70	87	6	13	17
	500	25	42	60	19	27	32

FT-SE INDEX (*2362)

Series	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
2100	270	280	288	305	1½	4	7	11
2150	220	232	240	258	2	6	11	16
2200	168	185	209	212	3½	10	17	19
2250	122	142	155	172	6	15	24	30
2300	76	100	119	137	14	26	35	42
2350	40	65	85	102	29	43	53	59
2400	18	40	60	75	60	73	78	84

August 9, 1989 Total: 42139 Calls 30389 Puts 11734 FT-SE: Calls 1733 Puts 3440
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 7	August 18	November 9	November 20

Call options were taken out on: 9/8/89 Morgan Grenfell, Premier, Northamber, Ford Sellar, North Kalgurli, Body Shop, Kornick, ML Laboratories, Bellwether, Corton Beach, Vickers, Merlin, Oliver Resources, Norfolk Capital, Ind Media, Tranwood, Next, Tusker, Morley.
Puts: Leisure Investment.
Puts & Calls: Storehouse, Charterhall.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,848	Cookson	518	Lloyds	1,363	Scot & N	5,173
Alld-Lyons	1,341	Courtaulds	2,001	Lloyds Abb	826	Sears	519
Amstrad	280	Dalgety	450	Lonrho	1,529	Sedgwick	105
ASDA	10,337	Dixons	1,348	Lucas	1,082	Shell	1,457
AB Foods	470	ECC	385	Magnet	4	Siebe	363
Argyll	2,462	Enterprise	372	M&S	3,581	Slough	814
BAA	399	Ferranti	6,844	Maxwell Cm	299	Smith & N	2,765
BET	1,510	Fisons	3,820	MB Group	1,844	SK Beechm	8,000
BTR	3,669	FKI Babck	1,596	MEPC	178	Smith WH	320
BAT	3,182	Gateway Cp	237	Midland	1,037	Smiths Ind	49
Barclays	2,181	Gen Acc	554	Nat West	2,310	STC	482
Bass	525	GEC	4,758	Next	963	Stan Chart	288
Beazer	328	Glaxo	1,286	Nth Food	131	Storehse	2,775
Berisfd Int	976	Globe Inv	965	P&O	1,564	Sun Allnce	1,667
BICC	1,786	Glynwed	2,276	Pearl	889	T & N	1,164
Blue Arw	19,757	Granada	573	Pearson	1,710	Tarmac	1,384
Blue Circle	1,881	Grand Met	1,375	Pilkington	7,092	Tate & Lyle	567
BOC	3,991	GUS 'A'	84	Plessey	2,625	Taylor Wood	881
Boots	2,332	GRE	3,220	Polly Peck	438	TSB	710
BPB	832	GKN	5,897	Prudential	8663	Tesco	2,988
Br Aero	392	Guinness	1,513	Racal	688	Thorn EMI	1,743
Br Airways	6,749	Hamm 'A'	40	Racal Tele	1,613	Trafalgar	4,945
Br Comm	4,687	Hanson	3,922	RK Hovis	349	THF	612
Br Gas	3,023	H & C	330	Rank	129	Ultramar	5,920
Br Land	122	Hawker	616	R&C	198	Unigate	1,905
Br Petrol	3,808	Hillsdown	3,244	Redland	1,249	Unilever	620
Br Steel p/p	9,621	IMI	800	Reed	1,593	United Bis	1,215
Br Telecom	6,943	ICI	1,476	Reuters	696	Utd News	71
Bunzl	1,484	Inchcape	1,007	RMC Gp	978	Wellcome	1,624
Burmah	397	Jaguar	1,497	RTZ	1,624	Whitbrd	950
Burton	2,144	Kingfisher	1,795	R-Royce	2,921	Williams	109
C&W	5,420	Lasmo	295	Rothmn 'B'	172	Willis Fab	196
Cadbury	1,518	Ladbroke	4,348	Royal Bank	1,284	Wimpey G	56
Coats	615	Land Sec	508	Royal Ins	2,012		
CU	6,026	Laporte	228	Saatchi	88		
Cons Gold	161	L&G	1,041	Sainsbury	860		

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CU lifts payout despite 19% drop in profits

By Jeremy Andrews

Storms which swept the southern states of America and £13 million more of weather claims sent Commercial Union's pre-tax profits down 19 per cent to £90.2 million in the six months to June.

None the less, Mr Tony Brend, chief executive, announced a 12 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 8.15p which he said reflected "the financial strength of the company, trading prospects and the substantial contribution from life business."

Mr Brend also welcomed Sun Alliance on to CU's share register after it bought a 13 per cent stake last week. He said he regarded it as "a more stable shareholder" than Adelaide Steamship, the Australian raider led by Mr John Spalvins. He said he expected to meet Sun Alliance soon, but thought it was "extremely unlikely" that board representation would be offered to the new shareholder.

Eighteen storms hit the south and mid-west of the US between April 3 and June 27, causing damage estimated by the American Insurance Association at $1.29 billion (£796 million). The worst, centred on north west Louisiana, caused $380 million of damage. As CU has its regional headquarters in the state, its losses were disproportionate to its national market share and weather-related claims of £17.2 million were the highest for seven years.

There was also a setback in Britain, where the underwriting profit fell almost £10 million to £9.9 million. This corresponded closely to the rise in the underwriting loss on commercial liability lines from £1.6 million to £11.4 million. The number of claims for amounts of more than £50,000 shot up by 40 per cent, but the company believes this was a statistical aberration rather than a change in the legal environment favouring larger claims.

The best performance came from the Netherlands, where the results from non-life business improved from £27.7 million to £34.8 million. This reflected the major reorganization begun in 1987, the transfer of medical insurance for the elderly to a government scheme and the effect of mild weather on claims.

Profits from life business showed a "satisfactory" increase from £41.4 million to £44.1 million and shareholders' funds rose by £272 million to £1.54 billion, reflecting both rising stock markets and currency gains. This took published net assets per share to 364p in June, though this calculation ignores the bulk of the value of its life business.

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Welcoming Sun Alliance: Tony Brend of CU yesterday

Forecasts cut as BOC rises to £238m

By Melinda Wittstock

BOC, the industrial gases and healthcare group headed by Mr Richard Giordano, disappointed analysts yesterday with a smaller-than-expected 8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £238.6 million for the nine months to end-June.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, which expected pre-tax profits of £240 million, has downgraded its full-year forecast from £335 million to £330 million (it made £301.5 million last time) in line with other brokers. This follows a slowdown since the interim in operating growth at BOC's gases division, which accounts for 66 per cent of group profits. It is expected to slow further due to recessionary pressures in the fourth quarter.

BZW believes, however, that this will be offset by an improvement on the healthcare side, where slow demand for BOC's equipment has impaired margins, particularly at Ohmeda, which sells life-support machines and other hospital equipment worldwide, and at Glasrock Home Health Care, an American chain of private health clinics.

Mr Giordano said healthcare order books are improving, and pointed to a strong performance on the special products and services businesses, though Airco Coating Technology, a glass-coating equipment supplier, is also suffering from lower demand.

BOC said yesterday its borrowings, held mainly in dollars, had risen in the period to £802 million, representing 72 per cent of shareholders' funds. But the company said the level of borrowings — incurred from a heavy capital expenditure programme on the gases side, a strong dollar, and acquisitions — should fall in the fourth quarter.

The company blamed the downturn in pre-tax profits in the United States from £67.5 million to £50.9 million on pension accounting changes and its $150 million (£92 million) acquisition of Spectramed of the US.

BOC said its $146 million purchase of AmeriGas is complete, after a monopolies inquiry by the US Justice Department and the subsequent sale of three gas plants for $40 million.

COMMENT

The City also faces a Goldsmith challenge

The battle for BAT Industries has only reached the stage of shadow-boxing. The real, cash-backed, bid is not in sight and the present one is in American regulatory baulk — from which Hoylake's easiest escape, oddly enough, would be a domestic Monopolies Commission inquiry. But the sparring has already developed at two distinct levels: the top of the cranium and below the belt.

At the lower level, a fat and hitherto complacent multinational such as BAT provides a large target. Its nonsensical retail interests, in particular, are a sitting duck. Even under BAT's avowed present strategy, they should have been sold to someone who can run them better.

Hoylake's high-minded thesis of unbundling BAT and allowing its businesses to soar in free flight, however, contrasts with some rather less edifying detail of unregulated offshore tax havens and a gallery of international rich (mostly old money) lining up at Sir James Goldsmith's money feast with soup bowls or ambitions to be favoured son buyers.

Hoylake has also swallowed a powerful combination of poison pills. They would be activated should any outsider be so bold as to buy more than 30 per cent of Anglo or challenge Sir James' rule over the board.

As for free flight, it is hard to see Hoylake freeing many of the big businesses in BAT's portfolio from their corporate chains. To obtain the best prices, or satisfy insurance regulators, most would have to be sold to other companies willing to pay for size.

But the main interest at this stage lies at a more elevated level. The case made for "unbundling" BAT cannot just be dismissed as an euphemism for asset-stripping. It raises important issues and great challenges for the City. In deference to Lord Hanson, Sir James admits that conglomerates can work. But he advises successful first-generation entrepreneurs to unbundle on retirement to avoid hardening of the corporate arteries and a descent from "great conglomerators" to bureaucratic "administrators", as he dismissively dubs the BAT management.

This is a good stab at a general law. But there are sufficient exceptions, such as BTR or BET, to show that it is inadequate. There are basic advantages to conglomerates. They can spread risks: some high-risk businesses, particularly in capital goods, are likely to be better financed as part of larger groups. Conglomerates can also improve performance for shareholders by bridging different industrial cycles. It is also the case that managements of big diversified groups are in many ways the real investment managers of the modern financial world: shifting resources swiftly between different enterprises on behalf of shareholders.

Whether BAT was doing this, rather than empire-building, will be the battleground of much of the coming war of words. BAT certainly appears to have broken two golden rules of conglomerates: it has (like Lonrho) invested in businesses with wildly different stock market ratings; and its top group management has also not obviously made the switch from the mentality of industrial line manager to investor, controller and management consultant.

But in the end, as one youthful conglomerator has neatly put it, management is more important than form. The fate of BAT, if it were left to the market, would be decided on big investors' view of its management, not their philosophy towards conglomeration and leveraged break-ups.

If the institutions then voted for Sir James, they would have to ask themselves an extremely awkward question. Why do those who are paid to manage billions for ordinary people have to hand over £1 billion or so of the proceeds to Sir James, Mr Jacob Rothschild and their rich friends?

The slightly comic entrance of Sir James' distant Swiss relative Antonio von Marx poses the question even more starkly. His plan for BAT shareholders to break up the group themselves could have been drawn up by any financially sophisticated fund manager on the back of an envelope. Something like it would achieve what Hoylake offers without giving Sir James *et al* a large slice of the proceeds. But the institutions are not up to it.

As Mr Rothschild thoughtfully noted in *The Times* yesterday, "there is a gap in our system." With notable exceptions such as Lord Keith of Castleacre, non-executive directors without a constituency rarely discipline incumbent management effectively. The investment institutions do not wish to dirty their hands with active intervention themselves or to pay professionals to be their direct representatives on company boards. If Hoylake proves anything, it will be that this fastidiousness has become too costly to justify any longer.

Murdoch Magazines purchase

Murdoch Magazines, a subsidiary of News International, is acquiring FF Publishing, the publisher of *Car*, *Supercar Classics*, *Truck* and *Truck Driver* magazines.

The acquisition, for an undisclosed sum, is expected to be completed in mid-September. Miss Elizabeth Rees-Jones, managing director of Murdoch Magazines, said: "I believe that these four titles will put us in a strong and commanding position to further develop our magazine publishing business."

● The News Corporation is lifting its stake in Independent Newspapers, New Zealand's largest publisher, from 40 to 49.9 per cent of the ordinary shares.

Beales steady

John Beales, the clothing and electricals group, has held pre-tax profits steady at £2.1 million for the year to end-May on sales up from £26.2 million to £30.4 million. The total dividend for the year rises to 7.6p (5.75p) on earnings per share up to 28.0p (27.8p).

PSI grows

Property Security Investment Trust has raised pre-tax profits from £5.8 million to £6.3 million in the year to end-March. The total dividend rises to 3.75p (3.25p) on earnings up to 5.68p (5.34p). Net asset value per share rose to 250p (185p).

Hughes buy

Hughes Food Group has acquired Tourelle Maree of Canada for 275,000 ordinary shares, or £1.1 million.

Water float 'set to boost Simon'

By Our City Staff

Simon Engineering, the Stockport equipment, services and manufacturing group, is set to benefit from the privatization of water. Mr Roy Roberts, the chairman, says he expects the market for waste water and sewage treatment equipment to boom in the next 10-12 years.

The group yesterday announced pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June of £14.3 million, up 22 per cent, on turnover of £321.9 million, up 13 per cent. The interest charge has more than doubled to £1.6 million. Earnings per share are 13.4p, up 18.6 per cent, and the interim dividend rises by 28 per cent to 4.5p.

Both the manufacturing and engineering contracting divisions' profits rose 50 per cent, to £6.7 million and £5.9 million respectively. Profits in the services division dropped from £3.6 million to £3.4 million because of the sale of the merchanting interests.

There is still no news on the disposal of Drake & Scull, the group's mechanical and electrical sub-contracting business put up for sale six months ago. Mr Roberts says it will be at least another two months before the deal is announced.

Drake & Scull is expected to fetch about £40 million. There is an extraordinary provision of £3 million in the accounts against the potential closure of a Drake & Scull business in Hong Kong.

Mr Roberts says the group's £250 million Yerevan contract in the Soviet Union is going well and will begin to have a strong influence on group profits. Shares in Simon fell 3p to 415p.

Industrielle set to fight bid by Suez

Paris (AP) — The president of *Compagnie Industrielle*, target of the largest takeover bid ever attempted in France, was quoted yesterday as saying he will fight back.

M Jean-Marc Vernes, head of the holding company under attack from Compagnie Financière de Suez, a Paris-based bank holding company, declined to discuss what allies he might be lining up.

M Vernes was quoted as saying he would make "no declaration until the hostile takeover bid by Suez has been approved" by authorities.

The Paris Stock Exchange said in a statement that Suez proposes to offer Fr13,000 (£1,249) per share for the 81.53 per cent of Compagnie Industrielle stock it does not already own. That would value the target company's equity at Fr19.5 billion (£1.87 billion) and the Suez offer would total Fr15.9 billion.

Profit warning hits Parkway

By Gillian Bowditch

Parkway Group, the press and poster production company voted USM company of the year in March, yesterday saw £21.6 million wiped off its value as the shares plunged 52p to 173p after a profits warning.

Parkway shareholders will receive a circular soon about the group's results for the year to September 1989, which will be lower than expected. The circular will also contain details of Parkway's £6.32 million cash acquisition of Sterling-Regal, a New York reprographics business.

Analysts immediately downgraded their forecasts from £12.3 million to about £9.2 million, with earnings per share of 15p, down from 16.1p last year.

Parkway made pre-tax profits of £4.81 million last year and analysts believe there will be some growth in earnings for the year to September 1990.

Mr John McKimmie, chairman of Parkway, said the shortfall was due to the underperformance of its Blackburn business, a general softening in the advertising and print market, and higher interest rates.

But analysts believe most of Parkway's problems are due to high interest rates, and have been worried about its gearing for some time. The group has net debt of £24 million and is 100 per cent geared. In the past two years it has made 28 acquisitions.

Parkway's shares have fallen from 260p at the time of the interim results in May, which showed pre-tax profits doubled to £3.73 million.

Wace, Parkway's main competitor, said yesterday it was not feeling the effects of any slowdown in the market and reiterated the chairman's statement at end-June that the group was enjoying its best year yet. Wace shares fell 5p to 414p.

Marché of time for Linacre

A friend in need is a friend indeed, as Peter Linacre, the chairman of Caird Group, discovered when, as an equity salesman with Merrill Lynch, he was dismissed for allegedly dealing on inside information. Cleared of any such crime by DTI investigators in June — almost three years later — Linacre, aged 33, has been at Caird since June 1987. In that period he has transformed it from a Dundee-based retailer into one of Britain's leading waste treatment and disposal companies, with profits soaring from £38,000 to more than £4.5 million. As a gesture of thanks to those who have remained his friends throughout and, more to the point, invested in his company, Linacre threw a stylish dinner party the other evening at Café du Marché — possibly one of the best French restaurants in the Square Mile — for 40 of these moral and financial supporters. "When I got booted out of Merrills a few chaps remained good friends and then later, after I had taken control of Caird, the uncertainty surrounding the DTI investigation meant that our institutional investors were understandably nervous," he says. "The dinner was for those people who helped during those difficult months." Some Merrill employees were on the guest list, but the firm's fund managers have yet to buy Caird stock. A pity . . . the shares have risen from an adjusted 90p to almost £6 under Linacre.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Peel well in the Hunt

For a stockbroking firm which has been in business for only three months, Peel Hunt — founded by Charlie Peel, ex-Fieldings and Morgan Grenfell, and Chris Holdsworth Hunt, a former Pinchin Denny partner — has made a promising start. For, in what represents something of a coup for such a small firm, Peel Hunt handled the entire sale last week of Adelaide Steamship's 13 per cent stake in Commercial Union to Sun Alliance. Estimates of the commission by the broker on the 55 million-share transaction range from £30,000 to £50,000.

Siege hell

I sense defeat already in Plessey's attempt to fight off the unwelcome takeover bid from GEC and Siemens. Sir John Clark, the chairman, and Stephen Walls, managing director, yesterday stationed themselves in a suite and invited journalists to drop in at any time and interrogate them on their battle plans. One of the first inquisitors to arrive was told by the hovering PR man: "This is the bunker for the last-ditch defence. When it's all over, they'll only be able to identify us by our dentures." The PR man is, I gather, leaving.

"My Abbey National shares have arrived!"

Block booking

Word in Chicago property circles is that Robert Maxwell wants his name up in lights on the Sears Tower, the world's tallest building. His Macmillan Publishing group is already the largest tenant of the 110-storey block, put up for sale by the America retailer and valued at $1.05 billion, and Maxwell apparently wants to centralize his other Chicago operations in the tower, thus occupying 4.5 million square feet. Only the Pentagon has more floor space. A Macmillan spokesman has refused to comment, but others close to the deal have privately indicated Maxwell's ambition.

Life after debt

Setting what could become a precedent for the involvement of the banking community in "green" issues, an international syndicate of banks is raising more than $2 million (£1.2 million) for the World Wide Fund for Nature to finance six conservation projects in Madagascar. In a novel scheme to swop Third World debt for aid for the conservation cause seven banks, with the NatWest representing Britain, have sold some of their Madagascan debt to the WWF for 45 cents in the dollar, a 5 cent or 10 cent discount to the market price. The Madagascan government will in turn repay the debt to the WWF, at its full value and in local currency, thereby generating $2.1 million. A donation from the US government will top it up to $3 million. "It will be used to fund projects to protect endangered species and stop deforestation, and will include the education and employment of 400 rangers to man national parks," says Felix Robyns, of Bankers Trust, the US bank which is also participating in the scheme.

● **The mania for sending memorandums to all of its 1,200 staff about even the most minor matter seems to be scaling new heights at Slaughter & May, the City law firm. One such memo has just been despatched to all employees asking about the location of the firm's Polaroid camera. According to sources within the firm the camera cost £30. The cost of the memos — £90.**

Carol Leonard

CHARTERHOUSE

Anglo United wins Coalite bid

DAVID McErlain's Anglo United has won its £478m bid for Coalite, Britain's largest private fuel distribution group and owner of the Falkland Islands Company

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THE NAME BEHIND THE NEWS.

Charterhouse Tilney, as sole broker to Anglo United in its £480 million bid for Coalite, arranged the sub-underwriting of a 100% increase in Anglo's equity.

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STOCK MARKET

Index froths closer to record

An increasingly frothy market moved ever higher yesterday, spurred on by a clutch of bid reports, most of them unfounded.

After initial profit-taking, prices started to rise and the FT-SE 100 index reached 2,360.4 by the close, up 12.3 points, another post-crash high. Dealers have now fixed their eyes on the FT-SE's record of 2,443.4 – reached in July, 1987 – and are wondering whether it will be broken.

Trading remained good, with 520.9 million shares changing hands, while the FT 30 index also rose, reaching 1,972.0, up 9.7. Gilts lost up to £¼ of Tuesday's gains as sterling was marginally weaker against the dollar.

Pilkington, the glass manufacturer, stood out among the main movers with a rise of 11p to 256p. The shares have been performing strongly this week, with the interest stemming from a circular by Mr Kevin Commack at Smith New Court, the broker. He argues that while the company had been a poor performer in the past two years, this is changing and it should show earnings growth of 10 per cent in the next two years, higher than the forecast market average.

He also shows that the company is lowly rated in terms of its strong cash flow and that assets are as much as 400p a share. All this made him rate the shares as a strong buy.

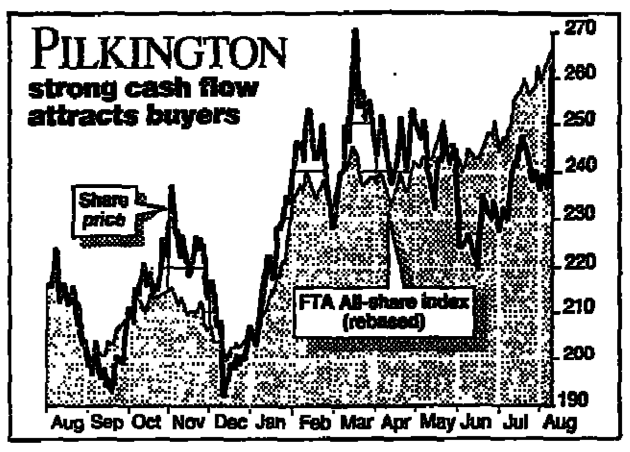
Other brokers followed Smith's lead and started buying for clients. Meanwhile, a story circulated that BTR was in the market for Pilkington stock. BTR unsuccessfully bid for Pilkington three years ago and a fresh attempt has always looked a possibility. BTR's shares fell 7p to 428p, also weighed down by word that BTR Nylex, its Australian subsidiary, may report disappointing figures today.

Pearson was another company to take the limelight, with a rise of 30p to 799p. Initial enthusiasm was started by suggestions that Merrill Lynch was buying stock. Merrill Lynch was the broker which helped The News Corporation build its 17.4 per cent stake last year. Merrill denied that it was buying shares in large amounts.

Harland Simon, the computer control systems manufacturer, leapt 29p to 717p, putting the shares almost a pound higher during this account. Mr Asil Nadir's son, Birol, holds a 25 per cent stake through his Cayman Islands vehicle. Stories circulate that Mr Nadir is planning a bid.

Elsewhere, buyers were attracted by word that Pearson will announce a full merger with Elsevier, the Dutch publisher, when it produces its figures on August 29.

The sale of **Scottish & Newcastle's** Thistle Hotel chain now looks set to be announced within a week as both Ladbroke and Brent Walker felt obliged to issue denials that they were the buyers. The favourites are now the medium-sized hotel chains – Queens Moat Houses, or Swallow, owned by Vaux.



The latter owns 4,000 bedrooms and would be most interested in the smaller, out-of-town sites which Thistle owns. It would probably sell the larger London hotels to foreign buyers to recoup most of the £700 million price-tag. S&N's shares climbed 9p to 395p.

British & Commonwealth attracted interest once again, closing 8p higher at 193p. Two stories are driving the price up. One is that a break-up bid is being planned as analysts put the company's break-up value at anything up to 300p a share. To support this theory, there has been heavy traded options buying for the past week. More than 1,000 contracts had been traded by 10.30 am.

The other suggestion is that B&C is negotiating the sale of its 62 per cent holding in Woodchester Investments, the Irish leasing firm. An Irish institution is said to be interested in buying. The sale will greatly improve the company's cash flow. At market value, the stake is worth £150 million, while it is yielding only 1.5 per cent.

BAT had a good day, climbing 18p to 865p after the publication of the Hoylake offer document on Tuesday. American buyers are attracted by the presence in the consortium of Mr William Simon, a former US Treasury Secretary who is now a leveraged buyout specialist.

Mr Simon has bought a number of Californian savings institutions in the past and could now be a buyer for Farmers, the Californian insurance group, if the break-up of BAT proceeds. Such an experienced figure would undoubtedly ease any regulatory problems.

Meanwhile, the traded options market saw the issue of another covered warrant by Salomon Brothers, this time for Fisons. The warrant, essentially a two-year call option costing 84p, is the fifth to be launched by the bank. The strike price is 400p. Fisons' shares fell 4p to 355p.

ICI showed one of the most dramatic rises of the day, jumping 30p in minutes during mid-afternoon trading. The source of the interest was Wall Street, where a large securities house executed a programme trade in a number of the world's largest equities. ICI ended 35p up at £13.13.

In stores, **Asda** had another good day, climbing 7p to 208p. Dealers are now convinced that a bid for the company will be launched within the next few weeks, with an offer of between 240p and 245p.

Glaxo shares were marked up as the story circulated that the patent for Zantac, its leading anti-ulcer drug, lasts until 2002 in the US, not 1995 as previously thought. The extra seven years' monopoly will mean considerably enhanced profits. The shares rose 14p to £15.44.

The motor components sector looked cheerful as it digested GKN's 31 per cent increase in profits. The shares closed 13p dearer at 458p. The news also lifted **Lucas**, 7p up at 710p, **T&N**, up 9p to 261p and **BBA**, 17p higher at 217p.

Neil Bennett

TOKYO

Financials boosted by foreign buying

(Reuter) – Financial shares soared, partly on a foreign broker's buy programme, but, overall, prices were sluggish until futures-related buying pushed them broadly higher at the close.

The 225-share Nikkei index gained 99.79 points to 34,859.27 after climbing by 129.10 on Tuesday. Turnover remained light with about 550 million shares traded after 450 million on Tuesday.

The market largely ignored the voting for a new prime minister, brokers said. Mr Fujio Katayama, vice-president of equities for CS First Boston (Japan), said: "Mr Toshiki Kaifu's selection is a foregone conclusion."

Several brokers pointed out that yesterday was the first day of Japan's national high school baseball tournament, a time that coincides with summer holidays and usually signals sluggish trade. Other analysts, however, said that was just an excuse.

Mr Craig Chudler, a market strategist at Smith New Court, said: "If interest rates came down, those fund managers watching the ball game would be back at work."

Rises outnumbered falls by more than six to five. Leading shares were bank, brokerage, communications, non-life insurance, pharmaceutical, property, car, railway/bus, rubber and food shares. Brokers said some buyers are concentrating on financials, both as laggards and in the belief that interest rates have reached a peak.

An equity salesman for a foreign securities house said: "It is a near-sighted market."

This week has been characterized by quick, short-term movements as investors play the market for quick profits.

On Monday, shares thought to be targeted by speculators were bought. The next targets were companies with high-priced shares that seem likely to issue bonus stock, but some blue chips that rose on Tuesday slipped on profit-taking yesterday.

Mr Katayama of CS First Boston said: "People could be buying financials as the next in line for rotational buying."

NEW YORK

Dow slips a point after early bid excitement

(Reuter) – The Dow Jones industrial average eased by 0.95 of a point to 2,698.22 at noon. Blue chips had earlier climbed on a wave of fresh takeover speculation with the Dow average ahead by 14 points.

Mr Tom Gallagher, the head of block trading at Oppenheimer and Co, said of the market's early gain: "It is a continuation of takeover fever. Every day there is a new name that is in play. This is a very speculative market."

UAL Corporation jumped 19¼ to 238½ in early trading on reports that Mr Marvin Davis, an investor, is offering $240 a share for the company, helping the market's tone.

● **Traverse City, Michigan** – Mr Philip Benton, the executive vice-president of Ford Motor, said that Ford is studying a joint venture to produce vehicles in Europe with the Mazda Motor Corporation of Japan.

WALL STREET

	Aug 8	Aug 7
AMR Cp	73¾	71½
ASA	43¾	43¾
Aetna Life	59¾	59¾
Allied Signal	38¾	38¾
Alcoa	74	72¾
Amax Inc	27¾	26¾
AMR Hess	39¾	39¾
Am Brands	79½	77
Am Cynmd	59¾	58¾
Am Ele Pwr	30¾	30¾
Amexs	37½	38¼
Am Family	15¾	15¾
Am Home	99¾	99
Am Int Grp	95¾	95¾
Am Telph	40¾	40¾
Amoco	47¾	47¾
Anheusr B	43¾	44
Arch Dan	32¼	32¾
Armco Steel	12½	12¾
Asarco Inc	32¾	32¾
Ashland Oil	39	38¾
Atl Richfld	103¾	103
Avon Prod	37¼	37¾
Bk Boston	28¾	29
Bank NY	54	54
Bankamer	31¼	31¾
Bkrs Tst NY	53¾	54
Baxter	24	23¾
Beth Steel	23¼	23
Boeing	53¾	51¾
Boise Casc	47¾	47¾
Borden	72¾	72¾
Bristl Meyr	47½	47¾
BP	59¾	58¾
Broad Inc	11½	12¼
Brunswick	16¾	16¾
Burl Nth	27	26¾
CBS	219	220
CMS Engy	34¾	34¼
CPC Int	66	65¾
CSX Cp	35½	35¾
Camp Soup	56¼	53¼
Can Pacific	22¼	22¼
Caterpillar	63¾	63
Centrl SW	36¾	36
Champion	36¾	37¼
Chase Man	38¾	39¾
Chem Bank	38¾	39¾
Chevron	55¾	55¾
Chrysler	24¾	24¾
Citicorp	31¾	32¼
Clark Eq	43¼	43
Coca Cola	67¾	66¾
Colgate	57¾	57
Columb Gas	46¾	45¾
Cmb'tn Eng	33¾	33¾
Cmwlth Edi	38¾	37¾
Cons Edis	27¾	27¾
Consol Ng	47¾	47¾
Cont Data	20¾	20¾
Corng Inc	43	42¾
Crane	30¾	31¼
Curtiss W	59	57¾
Data Genl	17	17¾
Deere Co	62½	62¾
Delta Airl	76¾	74¾
Detroit Edi	21¾	21¾
Digital Eq	101¾	98¾
Disney	119¾	114¾
Dow Chem	97½	95¾
Dresser Ind	45¾	45¼
Dupont	119¾	119¾
Duke Pwr	53	53
East Kodak	49	47¾
Eaton Cp	64¾	65
Emerson El	37¾	37
Entergy	21¼	21½
Exxon	44¾	46¾
Farah Inc	7¾	7¾

	Aug 8	Aug 7
Fedders	15¾	16¼
Fst Chicago	46¾	48
Fst Int Bncp	63¾	64¾
Fst Penn C	13¾	13¾
FT Wachva	50	50¾
Ford Motor	50¾	50¾
GAF Cp	n.a	n.a
GTE Cp	59¾	60¾
Gen Cp	18¾	18¾
Gn Dynamc	58¾	58¾
Gen Electric	58¾	59
Gen Inst	34½	34¾
Gen Mills	68¾	69
Gen Motors	44¾	45
Gen Pub Ut	41¾	41¾
Genesco	7¾	7¾
Georgia Pac	57¾	57¾
Gillette	44¾	45
Goodrich	66¾	66¾
Goodyear	55¾	55¾
Grace Co	34¾	33¾
Grt Atl Pac	64¾	65¾
Greyhnd	35¾	35¾
Grumman	20¾	20¾
Gulf Westn	n.a	n.a
Heinz	60¾	60
Hercules	48¾	48¾
Hewlett Pk	57	57¾
Hilton	108	106¾
Honda	28¾	28¾
Honeywell	89¾	89¾
Houshld Int	n.a	n.a
ITT Cp	62	61¾
INCO	34¾	33¾
Ing Rand Wl	47¾	48
Inland Steel	46	45¾
IBM	116¾	117¾
Int Paper	55¾	57
Jhns & Jhns	52	53
K Mart	41	41¾
Kerr McGee	48¾	48¾
Kimbrly Clrk	68¾	68¾
Knght Ridr	56¾	57¾
Kroger	18	18¾
LTV Cp	2	2¾
Litton	88¾	88¾
Lockheed	49¾	48¾
Lone Star	35	35¾
Man H'nver	41¾	41¾
Manville	8¾	7¾
Mapco	38¾	38¾
Marriott	39¾	39¾
Mt Marrieta	48¾	48¾
Masco Cp	28¾	28¾
Mcdonalds	29¾	29¾
McDonnell	73¾	73¾
Mead Cp	44¾	44¾
Merck	74¾	75
Minsta Mng	78¾	78¾
Mobil	52¾	52¾
Monsanto	118¾	120
Montedison	18	18
Morgan Jp	41¼	41
Motorola	59¾	61
NCR	63¾	62¾
NL Indstrs	25¾	25¾
Nat Med Ent	35¾	35
Nat Semi	6¾	7¾
Norfolk Sth	37¾	38¾
NW Bancrp	n.a	n.a
Occid Pet	27¾	27¾
Ogden Cp	32¾	32¾
Olin Cp	65½	68¾
PPG Ind	44¾	44¾
Pac Enterp	45¾	46¾
Pac Gas El	21¼	21¾
Pan Am	4¼	4
Paramt Cm	59¾	57
Penney JC	62¾	62¾

	Aug 8	Aug 7
Pennzoil	60¾	60¾
Pepsico	59¾	59¾
Pfizer	64¾	64¾
Phelps Dod	68¾	69¾
Philip Mor	159¾	159¾
Philip Ptl	23¾	22¾
Polaroid	47½	48
Primerica	28	27¾
Proct Gble	117¾	117¾
Pub S E G	28¼	28½
Raytheon	79½	79
Rynlds Met	57¾	56¾
Rockwell Int	23¼	23¾
Royal Dutch	69¾	66¾
Seacorp	37¾	37¾
S Fe Pac Cp	23¾	23
Sara Lee	59¾	59¾
Schlumb	43¾	44
Scott Paper	50¾	50¾
Seagram	81	80¾
Sears Roeb	46½	46½
Sec Pac	51¾	51¾
Shell Trans	43	42¾
Sony Cp	60¾	57¾
SW Bell	57¾	57¾
Squibb	108¾	108¾
Sun Comp	38¾	39
TDK	44	42
TRW Inc	49½	49
Teledyne	377¾	376¾
Tenneco	61¾	62¾
Texaco	53¾	53¾
Texas Inst	41¾	41½
Tex Util	33¼	33¾
Textron	28¾	28¾
Timken	38¾	37¾
Travelers	44¼	44¾
UAL Cp	218¾	211
USG Cp	4¾	4½
USX Cp	35	35¾
Unilever Plc	42¼	42¼
Un Carbide	29¾	28¾
Un Pac Cp	78¼	79
Unisys Cp	21¾	22
Unit Brand	17	17¾
Us West	72¾	73¾
Utd Tech	54¾	54¾
Unocal	47¾	48
Warn Lamb	110½	109
Wells Far	80¾	81¾
Westg El	70	72¾
Weyershr	32¾	32½
Whirlpool	32¾	31¾
Whitman Cp	34¾	35¾
Whitaker	12	12¾
Woolworth	60¾	59¾
Xerox Cp	67¾	67¾
Zenith	17	17¾

CANADIAN PRICES

	Aug 8	Aug 7
Agnco Eag	9½	9¾
Alcan Alum	28¾	26¾
Can Pacific	26	26
Cominco	30	29¾
Con Bathrst	n.a	n.a
Hawk S Can	27	26½
Hud Bay M	32¾	32¾
Imasco	37¾	38¾
Imperial Oil	56¾	55¾
Inco	40¾	39¾
Royl Trstco	18¾	18¾
Seagram	94¾	93¾
Shell Can	44	44
Stelco	23¾	23
Thmsn N 'A'	19¾	19¾
Verity Cp	3.50	3.30
WCE	19¾	19¾
Weston	43¾	43¾

Car shares in demand as Frankfurt moves higher

Frankfurt (Reuter) – Demand for car shares and other selected blue chips gave the market strong underlying support, offsetting initial profit-taking. The 30-share DAX index rose by 5.12 points to end just below the day's high at 1,608.71. Prices had started lower, but good demand at lower levels, coupled with a shortage of stocks, helped to buoy the market in later trading.

BMW rose sharply ahead of the release of its first half-year results late in the morning, closing DM16.50 higher at DM620. The net profit of its parent company rose by 14 per cent to DM199 million (£64.7 million). One trader said: "It seems like the results filtered out earlier today." Porsche also rose DM7.50 to DM814. The market has been rising steadily for the past three months, but in July the pace picked up as foreign investors began increasing the weightings of West German stocks in their portfolios.

Japanese investors especially have begun to see West German shares in a new light, their interest heightened by political uncertainty at home. Japanese buying tends to focus on stocks with large capitalizations like car shares.

Utilities also rose sharply, with Veba up DM5 at DM339.50. VIAG, ex-rights, closed DM9 lower at DM355. Dealers noted that utilities had been in strong demand about one month ago as British banks began reacting to the recent trend to diversification in the sector.

The utilities are also seen as having scope for further gains as they are still trading below their 1989 highs. The same held true for engineering shares.

Linde continued to outperform the engineering sector, rising DM13.50 to DM812. Mannesmann closed DM7.30 higher at DM255.30.

● **Hong Kong** – The Hang Seng Index ended an uneventful day 19.37 higher at 2,627.31 after an expected big company announcement failed to materialize. The broader-based Hong Kong index gained 12.93 to 1,733.48.

Strong overseas institutional interest underpinned sentiment all day, but profit-taking capped every advance. Turnover dropped below HK$1 billion for the first time since July 27, totalling HK$895.27 million (£70.69 million) compared with HK$1.06 billion on Tuesday.

● **Sydney** – Shares closed lower after profit-takers took advantage of the market's recent strong run. The All-Ordinaries index closed 4.1 lower at 1,695.3.

The All-Industrials index was 4.6 lower at 2,725.8, the All-Resources lost 3.5 to 916.7 and the gold marker fell 2.3 to 1,596.5. The Australian Stock Exchange's computer system was down and unable to confirm the market's official closing indices.

● **Singapore** was closed for National Day.

C U ASSURANCE

SIX MONTHS' REVIEW

Pre-tax profit £90.2m

★ Strong performance in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Increasing competition in some markets.

★ Non-life profits of £46.1m (1988 £70.0m) affected by exceptional weather claims in the United States.

★ Shareholders' funds increased by £272m to £1,541m.

★ Life profits increased to £44.1m (1988 £41.4m).

★ Interim dividend increased by 12.4% to 8.15p.

HIGHLIGHTS

	6 months 1989 Unaudited	6 months 1988 Unaudited	
Total premium income	£1,800.8m	£1,646.3m	+ 9%
Operating profit before taxation	£90.2m	£111.4m	−19%
Operating profit after taxation	£49.3m	£65.4m	−25%
Earnings per share	11.7p	15.6p	−25%
Dividend per share	8.15p	7.25p	+12%

The interim dividend of 8.15p per share will be paid on 17 November 1989 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 24 August 1989 and will cost £34.5m (£30.5m).

Shareholders will again be offered the choice of receiving fully paid ordinary shares, rather than cash, in respect of all or part of the interim dividend. The interim report will be circulated to shareholders on 16 August 1989. Members of the public may obtain copies of the report thereafter by writing to the Shareholder Relations Service, Commercial Union Assurance Company plc, 69 Park Lane, Croydon, Surrey, CR9 1BG or by telephoning 01-283 7500 ext. 8866.

C U ASSURANCE

Commercial Union Assurance Company plc

Brierley to seek buyout details

From David Tweed, Sydney

Sir Ron: quasi-chairman

Sir Ron Brierley intends to press for further information on behalf of shareholders in the countdown to next month's crucial vote on the Aus$970 million (£461 million) buyout bid for Industrial Equity Limited (IEL), his former Australian offshoot.

Sir Ron said the Corama Pty Ltd team, comprising Mr Rod Price, the IEL managing director, Mr Bill Loewenthal, the deputy chairman, and Mr Abe Goldberg, the textiles magnate, had not supplied enough information about the deal to make its case.

"It is not for me to make Corama's case, it is up to them and they have not yet done so," he said.

Sir Ron said he would remain neutral as a "quasi-chairman," guarding the rights of shareholders before the general meeting on September 11.

It was believed that Sir Ron was planning to support the Corama trio, which was probably depending on his backing to defeat powerful opposition expected from Mr John Spalvins' Adelaide Steamship Co, a 14 per cent minority shareholder.

"I want to hear more from Corama in terms of their case and what it is," Sir Ron said.

"I'm acting in a quasi-chairman's role in trying to do the right thing by everybody, particularly the shareholders.

"I recognise that the shareholders' interests come first. I want to ensure that by September 11 they have the maximum amount of information."

Mr Price had said this week that financing for the deal was in place.

"It is definitely medium-term finance, so there's no pressure for quick pay-backs on it, so I think everyone will find it very satisfactory," Mr Price said.

Mr Price was not concerned by the appearance of Mr Spalvins on the IEL share register.

He described Mr Spalvins as a "very legitimate" investor who would have the opportunity to vote on the deal on September 11 "like all other shareholders."

Wang sale 'may follow resignation'

New York – The resignation of Mr Frederick A Wang as president of Wang Laboratories has renewed speculation on Wall Street that the family controlling the office computer manufacturer wants to sell it.

The resignation surprised financial analysts and employees. Last week, 38-year-old Mr Wang – who returns control to his ailing father, Dr An Wang – said he intended to stay in his post and oversee efforts to solve the company's many financial and product-related problems.

Mr Marc Schulman, an analyst at UBS Securities, said: "A good possibility is that Dr Wang decided that the survival of the company was more important than the family. It indicates the length to which he is willing to go to retain the integrity of the company."

The board has appointed Mr Harry Chou to serve as acting president. Mr Chou is vice chairman and a director of Wang, and a close associate of the Wang family.

Wang, which is in technical default on its loans, faces a deadline today for agreeing on a financial restructuring with its bank lenders.

Dr Wang, aged 69, founded the company in 1951. It has suffered in recent years as industry growth has shifted to personal computers and work stations. Last week, the company reported a $424 million (£262 million) loss for the year to end-June, and said it was restructuring.

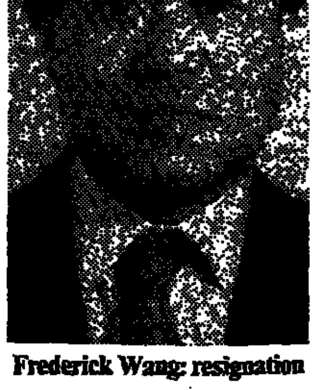
The stock market reacted positively to the resignation. Wang shares rose 87.5 cents, to $6.625, in heavy trading on the American Stock Exchange.

Though statements from the Wangs did not indicate the family intended to sell the company, analysts speculated that the resignation would herald the selling of part or all of the company soon.

Mr Shao Wang, an analyst at Smith Barney, Harris Upham, the broker, who is not related to the family, said: "You wonder if the family is in it for something other than posterity at this point.

"It certainly moves one step closer to the end game of being sold out. The next step is bringing in a turnaround specialist to slash the expenses."

(New York Times)



Frederick Wang: resignation

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abbey National (130p)	144½
Allen	104 −2
Alpha Estates (75p)	92
Ambassador	39
Danbury Gp	155 +4
Ensor	105
Forwell Group (62p)	68
Genesis Emerg	700
Gowrings (160p)	186 +3
Invicta Sound	220
Lecreuset (135p)	183
Molyneux Estates	57 −1
Pacific Property (50p)	47
Plaxton Group	233
Polar Electronics	110 −1
Presidio Oil	365
Radiotrust	75
Richmond Oil&Gas (105p)	67
Sleepy Kids (20p)	32 +1
Sumitomo Tst&Bk	174
Tavern Leisure (30p)	43 +1
Thorton Asian	107
Top Denmark	284¾ −2½
Treatt	121
Trace Computers (125p)	131
Umeco (95p)	106
Unidare	455
Video Magic Leis (56p)	83 −2
Wensum (70p)	85 +2
West Scaffolding (109p)	116 −1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Aim N/P	79 −5
Egerton N/P	9
Glentar N/P	5 −1
Marinex N/P	1
Sutherland N/P	10 −1

(Issue price in brackets).

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH

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McKAY SECURITIES PLC

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT (ABRIDGED)

Group Results for the Year Ended 31st March 1989

	1989 £'000	1988 £'000
Gross Rents and Service Charges Receivable	7,227	6,077
Profit Before Tax	3,218	2,959
Profit After Tax	2,316	2,167
Earnings per share	8.5p	8.1p

Directors recommend a final dividend of 2.8p per share making a total for the year of 5.3p (1988-4.8p).

A Directors' valuation of the Group's UK investment properties was carried out on 31st March, 1989, which showed a surplus of £10,992m. This surplus has been credited to Revaluation Reserves.

Annual General Meeting to be held at 20 Parkside, Knightsbridge, London, SW1 on 11th October, 1989 at 12 noon.

THE TIMES

Portfolio Bond

YOUR SCORE CHART

ENTER THE MOVEMENTS OF THE SIX SHARES ON YOUR BOND CERTIFICATE (IGNORING FRACTIONS) IN THE BOXES BELOW AND TOTAL THEM TO FIND YOUR DAILY DIVIDEND FIGURE

BOND 1	BOND 2	BOND 3
Totals		

NOTE

- For easy reference, Portfolio Bond stocks are in BOLD CAPITALS.
- No fractions: -3¼ = -3, +½ = 0, -½ = 0.

REDEEMABLE BOND FUND

IF YOUR PORTFOLIO BOND PERSONAL SECURITY NUMBER APPEARS BELOW *THE TIMES* WILL 'BUY BACK' YOUR PORTFOLIO BOND FOR THE SUM SHOWN IN THE APPROPRIATE SECTION

TO CLAIM, FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR CARD

£1000

LD153633 MR530368 NP105396 NT159309
PC387535 VE739675

£100

DP720482 EL377055 GT187375 MQ506050
QM215705 SR305463

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RG749873 RH111376 VV700811 XH953804
XY331017 YU570228 YX950094

£25

AX449208 CX510350 DW785780 EA924579
EZ272440 GD254999 HV822218 JS854847
JY814908 KL191593 LC160711 LE818178
LG988254 NX723005 SB551252 SC872510
UW108885 XV558468 YN406093 ZB575581

£10

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GL941826 HL589635 JZ491059 KT139734
LS389882 MV755574 QH468031 QK149395
QP445568 RV118469 RW748603 SY640776
WC909177 WJ572923 WZ326822 ZR822656

Portfolio Bond

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POINTS REQUIRED +188

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Continued buying

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 31. Dealings end tomorrow. §Contango day August 14. Settlement day August 21. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.
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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

INDEX-LINKED

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

- Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend c Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt/Fixed	112.8	119.3	..	8.38
High Inc Equity	143.2	152.4	-0.3	4.17
W'wide Bond	201.1	213.1	-0.3	4.58
Amer Growth	191.5	204.9	-0.6	0.83
Asian Pacific	102.5	109.1	-0.4	1.19
Assets/Earns	165.8	177.4	-0.4	2.09
Capit Res	87.02	87.13	+0.05	4.89
Comm/Energy	114.1	121.4	+2.8	1.57
Euro Capit	94.18	100.2	+0.34	0.75
General	187.0	200.1	-0.7	2.25
Japan	115.6	123.7	+0.7	0.00
UK Gth Inc	144.1	153.3	-0.1	1.83
Do Acc	216.0	229.8	-0.2	1.22
US Emerg Cos	55.82	59.39	-0.01	0.00
Income/Gth	324.7	345.5	-0.8	2.97
Mastertst Acc	90.15	96.42	-0.02	1.76
Amer Inc	54.40	57.88	-0.09	4.73
Ethical	51.38	54.66	-0.08	1.83
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
38, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 0891				
Am Inc/Gth	32.82	34.92	-0.07	3.10
Euro	68.87	73.31	+0.47	0.00
Euro Inc	67.35	71.90	+0.26	2.79
Exmpt	848.8	885.7	-3.4	1.94
Extra Inc	46.53	49.67	-0.14	4.40
F/E Emerg Ec	49.83	53.18	+0.04	0.59
Invest	134.1	143.2	+0.1	2.12
Do Acc	208.9	223.0	+0.1	2.13
Gilt/Fxd Interest	22.58	24.10	+0.02	10.16
Inc Growth	78.01	83.27	-0.04	3.75
Intl Inc	66.54	71.04	+0.05	4.98
Jap & Genl	202.0	215.7	+2.0	0.00
Pacific	376.8	403.5	+0.8	0.58
Secure Inc	211.6	225.9	-0.3	5.88
Sentinel SSits	277.7	296.5	..	1.85
Smlr Cos	54.54	58.90	-0.17	2.08
Spec Sits	76.58	81.73	-0.08	1.30
UK Growth	40.88	43.64	-0.10	2.22
UK Top 100	27.64	29.51	..	2.50
World Gth	52.45	56.00	+0.06	0.31
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	358.8	381.9	..	4.30
Equity Inc	202.9	216.0	..	4.11
High Yield	213.4	227.2	..	4.33
Balanced	514.5	547.9	..	2.78
Am Inc	36.34	38.70	..	3.86
World Ass Val	35.89	38.22	..	1.07
Japan	171.4	182.0	..	0.01
Sec of Am	253.8	270.0	..	0.72
Asset Value	404.1	430.3	..	3.04
O'seas Earn	263.5	280.8	..	2.67
Recov	123.5	131.5	..	2.35
UK Spec Sits	317.8	338.4	..	2.47
Smlr Cos	186.4	198.5	..	2.31
Capit	313.4	333.7	..	2.64
Am Spec Sit	84.79	90.30	..	1.81
Intl	111.8	119.0	..	1.17
Growth/Inc	187.1	199.2	..	3.12
Euro Gth	23.68	25.21	..	1.11
Pacific	277.0	295.0	..	0.54
2nd Smlr Co	201.2	214.2	..	1.90
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capit	97.86	104.4	+0.31	3.07
Euro Gth Inc	93.62	99.86	+0.43	0.70
Extra Inc	110.8	118.2	+0.6	4.73
General	209.0	222.9	+0.1	3.01
Gl/Fxd Income	52.44	54.37	+0.10	9.97
Inc Trust	492.0	524.8	+0.1	3.85
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9602				
Am Sm Cos	58.13	62.73	+0.27	1.10
Australia	71.17	76.33	-0.25	1.50
Convertible	54.01	57.20	+0.10	6.30
East	111.8	119.0	+0.8	1.10
Equity Inc	79.71	84.57	-0.22	6.20
Euro Gth	166.3	176.4	+1.6	1.40
Euro Smlr Cos	172.0	182.4	+7.4	0.40
Exmpt	66.52	70.93	+1.18	2.80
Growth/Inc	94.75	98.16	+0.10	2.50
Do Acc	150.9	158.3	+0.2	2.50
Global Gth	77.79	82.93	+0.38	0.10
Jap Spec	185.9	197.7	+1.5	0.00
Jap Sunrise	177.0	188.2	+0.8	0.00
1st N Am	61.58	65.33	+0.38	1.40
UK Growth	70.02	74.29	+0.01	2.40
UK Smlr Cos	103.8	110.1	-0.1	1.20
Select Man Fd	57.26	60.75	+0.05	1.20
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	171.0	183.5	-1.2	3.84
Smlr Cos Acc	364.4	385.4	-0.3	0.90
Do Inc	227.8	247.3	-0.2	1.26
High Inc	92.00	98.18	+0.03	5.70
Income	118.8	125.8	-0.2	5.34
Man Portf Inc	100.8	108.4	+0.2	2.84
Do Acc	172.6	185.5	+0.1	2.30
Nth Amer	63.53	68.30	-0.57	0.38
Orient	125.0	134.4	-0.8	0.38
Exmpt	302.2	341.4	-1.0	2.76
Recov	72.97	78.32	-0.46	3.80
German	30.25	32.43	+0.29	1.60
Intl Recov	30.76	33.09	-0.02	2.89
Europe	20.64	22.15	+0.02	3.80
Conv Genrl	26.19	28.15	+0.02	7.25
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
First Floor 80 Cannon St London EC4N 6HH Tel: 01-528 2866 01-629 5316 Fax 01 283 0457				
Emer Gth Inc	67.94	71.85	+0.45	2.02
Do Acc	69.49	73.49	+0.46	2.02
Fellowship Inc	70.10	74.38	+0.15	2.45
Genrl Inc 4	325.5	344.3	+0.8	2.67
Do Acc 4	550.2	581.8	+1.2	2.67
Inc Fund 3	176.4	186.1	+0.4	4.49
Do Acc 3	342.0	362.9	+0.8	4.49
Intl Inc 2	128.4	135.8	+0.8	2.51
Do Acc 2	175.1	185.2	+1.2	2.51
Smlr Inc 5	122.7	130.2	-0.8	1.37
Do Acc	135.0	143.2	-0.5	1.37
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216				
Sht Gi Fxd Int	53.85	54.84	+0.09	2.89
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	40.75	43.58	+0.38	2.33
Income	51.33	54.90	+1.05	3.79
Far East	39.15	41.65	+0.38	0.05
Nth Amer	39.03	41.52	+0.57	1.73
Global	56.21	59.91	+1.02	1.84
European	59.30	63.08	+0.24	0.85
Japan	112.9	120.1	+1.2	0.01
Strategic Opp	55.84	59.65	+0.18	1.22
Do Acc	53.54	59.09	+0.48	3.05
Intl Currency	43.65	46.49	-0.33	6.45

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● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 91.9 (day's range 91.9-92.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for August 9

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6160-1.6220	1.6190-1.6200	0.87-0.85pr	2.02-2.00pr
Montrl	1.8907-1.8992	1.8942-1.8978	0.24-0.16pr	0.47-0.37pr
Amstrdm	3.4630-3.4686	3.4630-3.4668	2-1⅞pr	5⅝-5⅛pr
Brussels	64.20-64.56	64.36-64.56	31-28pr	88-84pr
Copnhgn	11.9313-11.9696	11.9442-11.9596	4⅝-4⅛pr	13⅝-13pr
Dublin	1.1409-1.1507	1.1494-1.1504	42-36pr	113-100pr
Frankft	3.0727-3.0764	3.0729-3.0764	1⅝-1⅛pr	5⅛-5⅝pr
Lisbon	256.28-257.90	256.94-257.90	4-23ds	64-117ds
Madrid	192.21-193.10	192.50-193.10	5-7ds	3-16ds
Milan	2209.02-2214.95	2211.98-2214.95	3-2pr	9-7pr
Oslo	11.2393-11.2720	11.2589-11.2720	2⅝-2⅛pr	7⅝-6⅝pr
Paris	10.3761-10.4158	10.3932-10.4158	4⅝-3⅝pr	12⅝-11⅝pr
Stckhlm	10.4589-10.4814	10.4701-10.4814	1⅝-1⅛pr	5⅝-4⅝pr
Tokyo	225.11-225.78	225.20-225.50	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅝-4⅛pr
Vienna	21.61-21.67	21.63-21.66	13-11pr	36-32pr
Zurich	2.6455-2.6503	2.6463-2.6495	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅝-4⅛pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1050.92-1059.34
Australia dollar	2.1034-2.1075
Bahrain dinar	0.6070-0.6150
Brazil cruzado *	3.3733-3.3923
Cyprus pound	0.7950-0.8050
Finland marka	6.8840-6.9510
Greece drachma	263.40-265.60
Hong Kong dollar	12.6158-12.6253
India rupee	26.70-27.00
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4760-0.4840
Malaysia ringgit	4.3189-4.3233
Mexico peso	4030-4130
New Zealand dollar	2.6996-2.7094
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0390-6.1210
Singapore dollar	3.1589-3.1576
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6115-6.7540
S Africa rand (com)	4.3300-4.3400
U A E dirham	5.9125-5.9925

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4025-1.4040	Denmark	7.3800-7.3850	Italy	1367.5-1368.5
Singapore	1.9511-1.9521	W Germany	1.9013-1.9020	Belgium (Com)	39.75-39.79
Malaysia	2.6718-2.6728	Switzerland	1.6380-1.6390	Hong Kong	7.8044-7.8054
Australia	1.3012-1.3029	Netherlands	2.1440-2.1450	Portugal	159.00-159.20
Canada	1.1700-1.1710	France	6.4250-6.4300	Spain	119.10-119.20
Sweden	6.4675-6.4725	Japan	139.30-139.40	Austria	13.39-13.40
Norway	6.9550-6.9600				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 14 Finance Hse 14½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 13½ Low 10 Week fixed: 13½
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 13⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 13⁵⁄₁₆
Selling: 2 mth – 13⁷⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 13⁵⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13⅝-13⁹⁄₁₆
2 mth: 13⅝-13¹⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 13¹¹⁄₃₂-¼ 6 mth 12²³⁄₃₂-12⅝
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14⅛
2 mth: 14⅛ 3 mth: 13³¹⁄₃₂ 6 mth 13¹¹⁄₃₂
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 13⅞ close 13⅝
1 week: 13¹³⁄₁₆-⅝ 1 mth: 13²⁷⁄₃₂-13⅝ 3 mth: 13¹³⁄₁₆-13⅝
6 mth: 13⅝-13⅜ 9 mth: 13¹⁵⁄₃₂-13⅜ 12 mth: 13⅜-13⅛
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 13⅝ 7 day: 13⅝ 1 mth: 13²³⁄₃₂
3 mth: 13²³⁄₃₂ 6 mth: 13¹¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 13⅜
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 13¹³⁄₁₆-²³⁄₃₂
3 mth: 13¹³⁄₁₆-⅝ 6 mth: 13⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆ 12 mth 13⅜-13
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.80-8.75
3 mth: 8.85-8.80 6 mth: 8.50-8.45 12 mth 8.40-8.35
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 13¹³⁄₁₆-13⅝ 2 mth: 13¹³⁄₁₆-13⅝ 3 mth: 13¹³⁄₁₆-⅝
6 mth: 13⅝-13⅜ 9 mth: 13⅜-13⅜ 12 mth: 13⁵⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1989. Agreed rates August 26, 1989 to Sept 25, 1989. Scheme I: 14.80 per cent. Schemes II & III: 15.23 per cent. Reference rate July 1, 1989 to July 31, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 13.984 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8¹¹⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₁₆	8⅝-8⅝
Call: 9-8				
Deutschemark:	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	6⅞-6⅝
Call: 6½-5½				
French Franc:	9⅛-8⅞	9⅛-9	9⅛-9	9-8⅞
Call: 9⁵⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆				
Swiss Franc:	7⅛-7⅝	7³⁄₁₆-7¹⁄₁₆	7¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆
Call: 7½-6½				
Yen:	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5⅝-5⅛	5⅝-5⅝
Call: 5½-4½				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $364.50-365.00 Close: $365.25-365.75
High: $365.25-365.75 Low: $363.75-364.25

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $376.00-381.00 (£232.00-235.00)
Krugerrand: $364.00-367.00 (£225.00-227.00)
Mapleleaf (1/10z): $376.00-381.00 (£232.00-235.00)
American Eagles: $376.00-381.00 (£232.00-235.00)
New Sovereigns: $86.00-87.00 (£53.00-53.75)
Old Sovereigns: $86.00-87.00 (£53.00-53.75)
Platinum: $481.50 (£297.85)
Palladium: $135.25 (£83.65)
Silver: $5.16-5.18 (£3.190-3.205)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 19092		
Sep 89	2364.0	2378.0	2359.0	2378.0	2123
Dec 89	2422.0	2422.0	2422.0	2422.0	20
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 92747		
Sep 89	86.36	86.36	86.31	86.32	4147
Dec 89	87.16	87.18	87.08	87.10	9789
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 51245		
Sep 89	91.50	91.50	91.45	91.46	1666
Dec 89	91.82	91.85	91.76	91.82	2743
Three Month Euromark			Previous open interest 14178		
Sep 89	93.10	93.13	93.09	93.09	1401
Dec 89	93.21	93.25	93.21	93.23	870

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 8453		
Sep 89	98-01	98-01	97-20	97-24	3222
Dec 89	NT	—	—	97-30	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 30534		
Sep 89	96-25	97-01	96-22	96-31	9846
Dec 89	96-24	96-31	96-24	96-31	420
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 1213		
Sep 89	106.39	106.39	106.33	106.35	145
Dec 89	105.95	106.00	105.95	105.98	444
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 41114		
Sep 89	95.49	95.69	95.45	95.57	19183
Dec 89	95.54	95.67	95.46	95.59	238

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

The stats failed to cause any great price improvement, although buying interest for late Aug helped to firm physical oil. Products firmed across the barrel, with the exception of naphtha, on light demand and firmer futures.

CRUDE OILS (assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.50	+15
15 day Sep	16.65	+10
15 day Oct	16.80	+5
WTI Sep	18.20	+5
WTI Oct	17.95	+10

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+1	190-192	+1
Gasoil EEC	+2	151-152	+1
Non 2H Aug	+2	150-151	+1
Non 2H Sep	+2	149-150	+2
3.5 Fuel Oil	+2	82-83	+2
Naphtha	-2	150-152	-2

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Aug	Expd 151.00
Sep	148.50-48.25
Oct	148.25-47.75
Nov	149.00-48.75
Dec	149.75-49.00
Jan	148.00-47.25
Feb	144.50-44.00
Vol	6453

BRENT G W Joynson

Sep	16.64-16.62
Oct	16.65-16.62
Vol	5390

BIFFEX

GMI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Aug 89 Hi 1440-1434 Low Close 1440
Sep 89 Hi 1499-1492 Low Close 1496
Oct 89 Hi 1559-1555 Low Close 1568
Jan 90 Hi 1590-1580 Low Close 1590
Vol 252 lots Open interest 2914
Dry cargo index 1383 +2 on 8/8/89

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	136.0	144.0
Feb	151.5	160.0
Apr	198.0	205.7
May	217.0	230.0
		Vol 561

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Sep 870-867 May 902-900
Dec 926-927 Jul 915-911
Mar 897-896 Sep 928-923
Vol 5542

COFFEE G W Joynson
Sep 784-782 Mar 813-810
Nov 778-776 May 834-832
Jan 796-795 Jul 860-856
Vol 1667

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 8684
Oct 312.4-12.6 May 295.4-97.0
Dec 296-302 Aug 280.0-81.0
Mar 291.2-91.6 Oct 272.0-73.2

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 258
Sp 106.70 Nv 110.50 Ja 113.75
Mr 116.60 My 119.80 Jn 121.85
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 131
Sp 103.00 Nv 107.00 Ja 109.50
Mr 112.05 My 114.45

SOYABEAN
Oct 130.5-29.5 Apr 135.5-30.5
Dec 131.0-29.0 Jun 135.5-29.0
Feb 135.0-30.5 Aug 135.0-28.0
Vol 0

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1596.0-1597.0	1588.0-1590.0	884725	Steady
Lead	438.00-439.00	428.00-429.00	53450	Firmer
Zinc Hi Gde*	1620.0-1625.0	1540.0-1550.0	14450	Steady
Silver Large†	Expired	—	—	—
Tin*	9240-9250	9300-9310	1770	Steady
Aluminium Hi*	1700.0-1705.0	1605.0-1608.0	222750	Steady
Nickel*	12650-12675	11950-12000	6642	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (Avg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	114.3	114.0
Oct	118.5	118.8
Nov	119.0	119.0
Feb	112.0	112.0

Live Cattle Contract

Aug	116.0	116.0
Oct	119.0	119.0
Nov	120.0	120.0

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on August 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	88.78	150.98	116.16
GB (+/–)	+4.22	*+0.57	+1.20
Eng/Wal (%)	+8.2	+7.0	+3.5
Eng/Wal (p)	88.78	162.43	115.64
Eng/Wal (+/–)	+4.22	+1.21	+1.15
Scotland (%)	n/a	+11.2	+51.1
Scotland (p)	n/a	145.45	116.66
Scotland (+/–)	n/a	-1.75	+0.41

* Estimated dead carcase weight

Copy cannot be privileged if original is not

Dubai Bank Ltd v Galadari and Others

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Mr Justice Farquharson and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment August 7]

Privilege could not be claimed in respect of a copy of an affidavit taken for the purposes of legal advice when the original affidavit was not privileged.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal brought by the first and second defendants, Abdul Rahim bin Ebrahim Galadari and Abdul Latif bin Ebrahim Galadari, against the order of Mr Justice Vinelott on July 19, 1989 that the first and second defendants *permit* the plaintiff's solicitors to inspect and take copies of the affidavits of Haider Moledina.

Mr Nigel Davis for the first and second defendants; Mr John Mowbray, QC and Miss Claire Staddon for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said it appeared that Haider Moledina was a former employee of a company controlled by, *inter alia*, the first two defendants. He had been dismissed and had a claim for wrongful dismissal.

Mr Moledina had sworn an "affidavit" on November 7, 1985 which had been disclosed in the present action. Although it was called an "affidavit" it did *not appear to have been put on* the record in this country.

In that "affidavit" Mr Moledina referred to an earlier affidavit sworn on October 23, 1985. It seemed that the original of that earlier affidavit was not in the possession of the defendants or their solicitors, but the solicitors had a copy of it.

The plaintiffs in the instant case wanted to inspect that document but the first two defendants objected to disclosing the copy on the ground that it was protected by legal professional privilege as it had been sent to the solicitors so that they could advise the first two defendants in respect of the claims Mr Moledina was making.

There was no doubt that if the copy was privileged in relation to Mr Moledina's claim because it was obtained for the purposes of that claim, it retained its privileged status in respect of the subsequent claim advanced in this action brought by the Dubai Bank.

Mr Davis submitted that if a photocopy of the affidavit was taken by the defendants for the purpose of sending it to their solicitors for advice, that photocopy was privileged.

However, he accepted that if the defendants, having made a photocopy of a copy of the affidavit, happened to send Mr Moledina's copy to their solicitors there would be no privilege.

It seemed to his Lordship to be incredible that privilege should depend on such a fine line of distinction.

In any event, there was no evidence that the copy sent to the defendants' solicitors taken by or on behalf of the defendants could not equally well have been the copy supplied by Mr Moledina. It followed that the claim to privilege had not been made out.

A difficulty arose in the present case, however, because of the decision of the Divisional Court in *R v Board of Inland Revenue, Ex parte Goldberg* (*The Times* May 3, 1988; [1989] QB 267).

That concerned an application for judicial review by a member of the tax Bar who had been served with a notice under section 20(3) of the Taxes Management Act 1970 (as inserted by section 57(1) of and Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 1976) requiring production of copies of documents which were in his possession for the purposes of legal advice to clients.

It was provided by section 20B(8) that a notice under section 20(3) did not oblige a barrister to make available, without his client's consent, any documents with respect to which a claim to professional privilege could be maintained.

However, the Taxes Management Act 1970 (as amended) did not contain any definition of "professional privilege", accordingly ordinary privilege as recognized by the common law was considered.

In giving judgment in *Goldberg*, Lord Justice Watkins seemed to have felt that copy documents which solicitors had prepared were necessarily franked by privilege.

In that case, the solicitor instructing Mr Goldberg had personally received and photocopied the relevant parts of the file. Lord Justice Watkins seemed to have felt that it followed from the authorities that privilege attached to those photocopies.

With every deference to the Divisional Court in *Goldberg*, and without deciding whether the decision could be supported on other grounds, his Lordship considered that the Divisional Court had gone too far.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal. Mr Justice Vinelott had reached the correct conclusion even though it was in conflict with *Goldberg*.

His Lordship did not, however, accept Mr Justice Vinelott's approach in finding that *Goldberg* was distinguishable on the ground that the claim for discovery was directed at lawyers and not the client.

Mr Justice Farquharson and *Sir John Megaw delivered* concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Norton Rose; Lovell White Durrant.

Revenue entitled to revoke tax credit consent

***Regina v Inland Revenue Commissioners, Ex parte* Camacq Corporation and Another**

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Farquharson

[Judgment August 3]

The Inland Revenue was entitled to revoke an authorization giving consent to the payment of a tax credit on shares direct to a foreign sovereign state as there was no binding rule that the *Revenue had to give consent* and that consent had been given at a time when all the relevant matters had not yet come to light.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the applicants, Camacq Corporation, an American company incorporated in Delaware, and Cambrian General Securities plc, a British company, against the decision of Mr Justice Kennedy on July 31, 1989 that their application for judicial review should be dismissed.

The Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 provides by section 231: "(1) . . . where a company resident in the United Kingdom makes a qualifying *distribution and the person* receiving the distribution is another such company . . . resident in the United Kingdom . . . the recipient of the distribution shall be entitled to a tax credit equal to such proportion of the amount or value of the distribution as corresponds to the rate of advanced corporation tax. . .

"(3) A person, not being a company resident in the United Kingdom, who is entitled to a tax credit in respect of a distribution may claim to have the credit set against the income tax *chargeable on his income* . . . and where the credit exceeds that income tax, to have the excess paid to him."

Section 232 provides: "*(1) An* individual . . . shall be entitled to a tax credit in respect of any qualifying distribution received by *him in that year to the same* extent as if he were resident in the United Kingdom.

"(3) Where a qualifying distribution *is income of, or of the* government of, any sovereign power or of any international organization, that power, government or organization shall be entitled to a tax credit in respect of the distribution. . ."

Mr David T. Donaldson, QC and *Mr Andrew J. D. Green* for the applicants: Mr Ian Glick, QC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the Inland Revenue.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said the appeal had been brought on and heard with extreme expediency as for commercial reasons the decision had to be given today. Any decision that the Inland Revenue had erred would be too *late if given after today.*

At the end of 1988 Camacq Corporation made a public offer to acquire the whole share capital of Cambrian General Securities plc. The offer was successful to the extent of 70 per cent.

But according to US tax law unless Camacq could acquire not less than 80 per cent of the share capital by the end of today, Camacq and its US parent company might face tax liabilities in the USA of £10 million.

Of the remaining 30 per cent *still outstanding, 20 per cent of* that was held by an escrow agent appointed by the US court.

The escrow agent held the *shares as part of a penalty levied* against an American criminal Mr Ivan Boesky. The shares were held for the benefit of the US Treasury.

Camacq wanted to acquire the shares in Cambrian held by the escrow agent but could not increase the price offered by the public offer as that would be contrary to the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

Consequently, the parties negotiated alternative arrangements.

They came up with a notion that a dividend should be declared by Cambrian on the capital shares *payable out of* available capital profits with a view, on payment of the dividend to the escrow agent, to *becoming entitled to the* tax credit equivalent to the advanced corporation tax payable by Cambrian in respect of the dividend *in so far as it was* attributable to the escrow agent's holding in Cambrian.

Camacq would then waive the entitlement to the dividend in respect of the shares held by them.

That proposal was submitted to the takeover panel and approved by them as not infringing any of the takeover code.

The whole point was that the escrow agent would receive from the Inland Revenue the amount of the tax credit. That would effectively, so far as the escrow agent and the US Treasury were concerned, increase the value of the shares by $8 million.

The shares had been vested in the escrow agent by order of the US court in November 1986 and the capital profits available for dividend profits had accrued to Cambrian prior to that date.

The negotiations between the escrow agent and Camacq were on condition of the Inland *Revenue's clearance that the* escrow agent would receive the tax credit.

In April 1989 solicitors acting for the escrow agent wrote to the inspector of the foreign division of the Inland Revenue seeking such clearance. Such clearances were regularly granted in respect of dividends on shares in British companies held by foreign sovereign states.

The payment of tax to foreign sovereign states representing tax credits could take one of two forms.

First, by the foreign sovereign *state, after receipt of the dividend*, making application to the Inland Revenue for payment of the amount of the tax credit.

Alternatively, the Revenue might grant the company an authorization to pay the amount of the advanced corporation tax direct to the foreign state with the dividend, thus by-passing the process of payment to the Revenue and the necessity to make a claim to the Revenue.

The latter procedure was covered by the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (General) (Dividends) Regulations (SI 1973 No 317) under which the shareholder's entitlement to a tax credit arose under double taxation agreements. The inspector of taxes had a discretion whether or not to make such arrangements.

As a matter of practice, inspectors had been prepared to make similar arrangements in respect of shares held by foreign governments.

On June 8, 1989 authorization was given by the inspector of the foreign division to Cambrian to pay a proportion of the dividend to the escrow agent amounting to the amount of the tax credit.

As soon as the authorization was given the inspector of the foreign division reported to the international division of the Inland Revenue and at the same time it transpired that Cambrian proposed on the following day to issue a press release about the transaction.

As a result of that, the Inland Revenue had doubts whether it was appropriate to pay the tax credit to the escrow agent.

In an affidavit of Mr Cook, a principal of the Inland Revenue, *he stated that from a copy of the* draft letter Cambrian proposed to send to its shareholders it became apparent that the escrow agent had *rejected* an earlier offer by Camacq to purchase the shares which would have netted approximately $32 million.

The present transaction was stated specifically to be "structured to net the escrow agent $41 million" and that the difference between the two figures was wholly or mainly attributable to the tax credit of $8 million.

It seemed to Mr Cook that the arrangements had been deliberately structured to provide for the payment to the escrow agent *of a special interim dividend* which would attract a tax credit of such an amount as would net the minimum price acceptable to the escrow agent at virtually no additional cost to Camacq. In those circumstances, Mr Cook doubted whether the escrow agent had the benefit of sovereign immunity.

Accordingly, in view of the urgency, the Revenue decided on June 29, to revoke the authorization for payment of the amount of the tax credit by Cambrian to the escrow agent.

In the upshot, there was further correpondence and in a letter sent by the Revenue to the solicitors acting on behalf of the escrow agent, attention was drawn, *inter alia*, to the fact that the dividend related to "pre-acquisition profits".

It was accordingly suggested to the solicitors, that the escrow agent might want to consider whether he wanted to proceed with the proposed claim, especially since the dividend seemed to have been artificially arranged to take advantage of the UK's tax credit rules.

In those circumstances, his Lordship entertained no doubt that the Revenue had good cause to revoke the authorization. There was no binding rule that the Revenue had to give consent to the payment of a tax credit direct to a foreign sovereign state.

When further matters came to light, the Revenue, in view of the imminence of the proposal by Cambrian to send out the letters, the Inland Revenue was bound to act promptly. On that short ground, the appeal would be dismissed.

The case was however, put by *the Revenue on the wider* ground of sovereign immunity. It was submitted by Mr Glick that sovereign immunity meant no more than the *immunity* of the foreign sovereign being sued by the process of law in the UK courts.

It was Mr Glick's submission that foreign sovereign states were not immune from income tax and were liable but that that liability could be enforced by any process of set-off available to the Revenue.

The only immunity, he submitted, was that there could not be any enforcement by action in the courts and recovery of judgment.

His Lordship found that a revolutionary reversal of previous practice and was a point which could affect very many other sovereign states.

The question was one which it was unnecessary for his Lordship to decide on the present case although his view was that the Inland Revenue's original practice was correct and the new thoughts were misconceived.

Lord Justice Lloyd delivered a concurring judgment and Mr Justice Farquharson agreed.

Solicitors: Freshfields; Solicitor, Inland Revenue.

Periodical payment of damages only available by consent

Burke v Tower Hamlets Health Authority

In determining quantum of damages for the cost of future care in a case of personal injury, the court had no power to order periodical payments instead of a lump sum — except when both parties consented.

Mr Justice Drake so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 28 in awarding Elaine Maria Burke, suing by her father and next friend, Oswald Zachariah Burke, damages for brain damage she sustained while undergoing a caesarian operation at the London Hospital, *within the area of Tower Hamlets* Health Authority.

MR JUSTICE DRAKE said that there was no suggestion in any of the authorities to indicate that the courts could make an order for periodical payments except by consent.

This was not an area where *there was scope for new judge-made* law, as had been argued for the plaintiff. The development of the *Mareva* and *Anton Piller orders was not* comparable to a decision to depart from established principle.

There was no power to make the order sought by the plaintiff in the face of opposition from the defendant.

No proof that driver was negligent

Carter v Sheath

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and *Lord Justice Mann*

[Judgment July 28]

The fact that the driver did not see a pedestrian before his motor car struck *him did not* prove that the driver was negligent.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by the defendant, Mr Michael Anthony Sheath, of Harris Avenue, Hedge End, *Southampton*, from Mr Justice Ian Kennedy, who had held, on a claim by the plaintiff, Stephen Barry Carter, of Chafen Road, Bitterne, Southampton (an infant suing by his mother and next friend, Mrs Anita Carter), that the defendant's injuries had caused the plaintiff's injuries.

Mr Anthony Temple, QC and Mr Jeremy Storey for the defendant; Mr Alan Tyrrell, QC, Mr Roger Shawcross and Mr Jerome Wilcox for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the accident occurred at about 21.15hr on November 7, 1980. It was upon Bitterne Road, Southampton. The road ran in an east/west direction. It had two carriageways each divided into two eleven foot lanes. The road was lit by sodium lighting and was subject to a 30mph speed limit.

The defendant was driving his Renault car along Bitterne Road in an easterly direction, on the northern carriageway. He was accompanied by his wife, who sat in the front passenger seat.

The judge accepted that the defendant was driving at about 30mph in his nearside lane 2ft to 2ft 6in from the nearside kerb.

Somewhere near to a pelican crossing which was *showing a* green light in the defendant's favour, the near side of his car, about 6 to 9in in, struck the plaintiff, who was thrown a distance upon the carriageway.

At the time of the accident the plaintiff was 13 years old. He was on his way home from a troop meeting with three fellow scouts. He crossed Bitterne Road at the pelican crossing while the pedestrian light was at red and he achieved the northern side without incident.

Whatever it was that he did then, it most sadly had grievous consequences for him. His injuries were to the left side of his body and he suffered severe brain damage.

The judge remarked that "the question of liability presents unusual difficulties . . . because of the curious paucity of direct evidence as to what exactly happened." The plaintiff safely crossed Bitterne Road, leaving on the southern side his three companions.

One of the companions gave evidence that the plaintiff, having crossed the road, stood "on" the west end of the eastern guard rail of the pelican crossing and faced the three who were waiting for the light to change in their favour.

Thereafter the witness looked *to the east for on-coming traffic* and heard but did not see the impact.

The plaintiff could remember nothing of what occurred. The defendant, although observing what must have been the three boys on the south side of Bitterne Road, did not see the plaintiff at all. His wife, who was an experienced driver, saw nothing and her first awareness of anything untoward was a "thud".

The critical question was: ought the defendant to have seen the plaintiff?

The judge said: "Why did the defendant not see the plaintiff? He had seen from a distance of three or four cars lengths on the opposite side of the road. He did not see the boy on the near side of the road. But the plaintiff was there to be seen."

His Lordship said that that the plaintiff was about was undoubted for he was struck but was he "there to be seen"? Where was "there"? What was he doing "there"? His Lordship did not know the answer to those questions.

The case was unusual and upon the evidence the accident was inexplicable without an answer to the questions his Lordship had posed.

Mr Temple relied on *Rhesa Shipping Co SA v Edmunds* ([1985] 1 WLR 948, 954), where Lord Brandon of Oakbrook had said: "The judge is not bound always to make a finding one way or the other with regard to the facts averred by the parties.

"He has open to him the third alternative of saying that the party on whom the burden of proof lies in relation to any averment made by him has failed to discharge that burden."

The present case was a case of the third alternative. The plaintiff had not discharged the burden upon him and on that ground his Lordship would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Fox agreed.

Solicitors: Lamport Bassitt, Southampton; Bernard Chill and Axtell, Southampton.

Application defeated by time limit

Regina v Immigration Appeals Tribunal, Ex parte Secretary of State for the Home Department

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Auld

[Judgment July 27]

When an application by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for leave to appeal to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal arrived outside the 14-day time limit because the letter had been incorrectly addressed, the *IAT had no jurisdiction to hear* the appeal and paragraph 38 of The Immigration Appeals (Procedure) Rules (SI 1984 2041) *could not be invoked to* cure the defect.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application by the secretary of state for judicial review of a decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal that it had no jurisdiction to hear an appeal against a determination of an adjudicator because the secretary of state had failed to apply for leave to appeal in time.

The adjudicator had allowed the appeal of five Sri Lankan Tamils, Saravanmuthen Sivakumaran, Navaratnasingam Vathanan, Vinasithamby Rasalingham, Vythialingham *Skandarajah and Nadarajah* Vilvarajah, and decided that they were entitled to political asylum.

Their Lordships were unable agree on an additional application for judicial review of the determination of the adjudicator relating to Skandarajah and Vilvarajah and delivered conflicting judgments.

Mr John Laws and Mr Robert Jay for the Home Secretary; Mr David Pannick for the IAT and the adjudicator; Mr Nicholas Blake for Vathanan and Rasalingham; Mr Alper Riza for Sivakumaran, Skandarajah and Vilvarajah.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that under paragraph 15(2) of the 1984 Rules, the secretary of state had 14 days in which to appeal against the adjudicator's decision.

The application for leave to appeal should have been addressed to "The Secretary of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Thanet House, Strand". It was in fact addressed to "The Secretary, Treasury Solicitor, *Thanet House, Strand*". There was no such person at Thanet House.

On March 30 somebody stamped the envelope "gone away" and on April 3 the letter was was returned to the Home Office. On April 4 a copy of the letter was sent to the correct address and it was received by the IAT on April 5.

Mr Laws argued that there was indeed service within 14 days when the letter was delivered to Thanet House, even though it was returned unopened. Since the letter was posted on March 22 it must have arrived before the 14 days expired on March 28.

There were two objections to that line of argument. All that was known about the letter was that it was stamped "gone away" on March 30. So his Lordship was not prepared to accept that it arrived on or before March 28.

The second objection was even stronger. Thanet House contained other offices besides IAT. The letter may indeed have crossed the threshold of the building. But there was not the slightest evidence that it ever got throught he front door of the IAT.

Mr Laws went on to argue that he could nevertheless rely on paragraph 38 of the rules to cure the irregularity. The instant case could be distinguished from *R v IAT, Ex parte Armstrong* ([1977] Imm AR 80) and *Ashrafi v IAT* ([1981] Imm AR 34) where there had been no attempt at all to serve the notice within 14 days.

Here there was undoubtedly an attempt to serve the notice. It failed because the envelope was incorrectly addressed. The incorrect address on the envelope *was an "irregularity" within the* meaning of paragraph 38 and could therefore be corrected.

His Lordship agreed that the case did differ on the facts from *Armstrong* and *Ashrafi* but it was covered by the same principle.

If the IAT was unable to extend the time in *Armstrong*, because until a valid notice of application had been received, they had no jurisdiction to invoke paragraph 38, the same reasoning had to apply here.

If the letter was delivered on or before March 28, and was an *effective notice, the secretary of* state did not need paragraph 38. But if there was no effective delivery, then the IAT had no *jurisdiction to invoke* paragraph 38.

As with any other inferior tribunal it could only act within the limits of its jurisdiction. It could not, by invoking paragraph 38, confer jurisdiction on itself.

Mr Justice Auld agreed with Lord Justice Lloyd on that issue.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Treasury Solicitor; Winstanley Burgess; Winstanley Burgess.

Correction

In *Ministère Public v Rispal* (*The Times* August 2) the last line of the third leg was accidentally omitted. It should have read "The defendants had argued. . .".

The headline was wrong in that it reflected what the importers maintained, rather than *what the court found.*

Avoidance of 'fraud' in pleadings makes summary judgment available

Newton Chemical Ltd and Others v Arsenis

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment July 28]

An action for damages against a *defendant that implied all the* essential factual ingredients of fraud by him but was expressly pleaded as a claim for breach of contract and/or fiduciary duty was not outside the scope of the provisions for summary judgment in Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Newton Chemical Ltd, Ethichem Ltd and Chattem (UK) Ltd, from a decision of Mr Justice Vinelott on July 28, 1988 ordering, *inter alia*, that their application for summary judgment against the defendant, Gerry Arsenis, be dismissed.

The court commented that *the provisions of Order 14, rule* 1(2)(b) — excluding from that Order a claim based on "an allegation of fraud" — were *anomalous: there did not appear* to be any justification for the principle that fraud alone of all the forms of dishonesty should not be covered by the Order. The rule should be reconsidered by the Supreme Court Rules Committee.

Mr John R. Davies for the plaintiffs; Mr W. Griffith Jones for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that in 1984 the defendant had been engaged by the first plaintiff as a self-employed sales representative. He was to seek orders from retail chemists in the London area for the plaintiffs' toiletary products.

In 1987 the defendant was discovered to have fabricated orders and the proceedings against him were begun. The plaintiffs sought from the defendant repayment of commission and expenses and recovery of so-called "bonus" goods to which he had access.

In July 1989 the defendant had pleaded guilty in Croydon Crown Court on nine counts of false accounting contrary to section 17(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968. He was fined and ordered *to pay compensation to the first* plaintiff of £81.

The first question on the appeal was whether the court *had jurisdiction to make an* order under Order 14 in favour of the plaintiffs.

By rule 1(2) the Order applied *to every action* begun by writ in the Queen's Bench or Chancery Divisions "other than . . . (b) an action which includes a claim based by the plaintiff on an allegation of fraud".

It was *established* by authority that "fraud" in that paragraph bore the narrow meaning laid down in *Barclays Bank Ltd v Cole* ([1967] 2 QB 738, 744) by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, as where it had been shown "that a false *representation has been made* knowingly, or without belief in its truth, or recklessly, careless whether it be true or false: see *Derry v Peek* ([1889] 14 AC 337), *per* Lord Herschell."

The defendant contended that the present action fell within rule 1(2)(b). An allegation of fraud, it was said, could be made without actually using the word "fraud" in the pleading.

It was thus necessary to refer to the plaintiffs' statement of claim. It was based on the existence of an oral agreement between the parties and alleged that the defendant would be paid, and would only make claims for payment of, commission on sales actually effected by him.

He would, it stated, only claim to be reimbursed such expenses as he had incurred in good faith. Further it was alleged therein that the defendant owed fiduciary duties to the plaintiffs.

Thus it could be seen that the *allegations regarding the sub*mission by the defendant of false claims were allegations of breaches of contract, fiduciary *duty and duty of care.* The pleader of the claim had been careful not to make any claim for damages for "fraud" or "deceit" *simpliciter.*

Mr Justice Vinelott was correct in saying that the statement of claim contained an averment of the essential factual ingredients of a claim for *Derry v Peek* fraud.

However, the plaintiffs had chosen not to found their claim on that. That was a course which had been open to them. In consequence they had kept the action within Order 14.

Rule 1(2)(b) was directed at actions in which a plaintiff chose to put forward a claim founded on *Derry v Peek* fraud. The plaintiffs' claims were based exclusively on contract, fiduciary duty and negligence.

To the extent that the claims included allegations of misrepresentations by the defendant, they contained one of the essential ingredients of *Derry v Peek* fraud. But the constituent *elements of the plaintiffs'* chosen causes of action and the constituent element of *Derry v Peek* were not strictly the same.

The plaintiffs, for instance, to succeed in their claim for damages had to establish the existence of a contract with an *implied term that the defendant* would not claim commission except on sales actually effected.

On the other hand it would *not be necessary as a matter of* strict law for the plaintiffs to prove that the defendant put forward claims which to his knowledge were not true.

Such an analysis revealed a large element of artificiality. But despite that the case did not fall outside the scope of Order 14.

Rule 1(2)(b) was itself somewhat anomalous. Once it was accepted that claims based on allegations of all forms of dishonest conduct other than *Derry v Peek* fraud could be the subect of summary judgment, it was difficult to understand why the same should not also be true of a claim based on an allegation of *Derry v Peek* fraud.

Whatever might be the historic origin and justification for *Derry v Peek* fraud being outside Order 14, what principle justified requiring a plaintiff to prove at trial a claim based on *Derry v Peek* fraud, *alone of all* forms of dishonesty?

The rule could with profit be reconsidered by the Rules *Committee.*

His Lordship then went on to deal with other issues raised by the appeal and concluded that it *should be allowed.*

LORD JUSTICE STOCKER, delivering a concurring judgment, said that he agreed that the Rules Committee might wish to consider whether rule 1(2)(b) ought to be preserved.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR agreeing, said that a claim based on "an allegation of fraud" under Order 14, rule 1(2) was to be confined to an allegation of fraud where the cause of action was deceit.

Where a plaintiff could properly plead that the defendant was in breach of contract, the fact that the particulars of breach might have supported a claim in deceit, had there been no contract, did not bar the plaintiff from obtaining summary relief.

The Rules Committee should consider *the need for keeping* paragraph (b) of rule 1(2).

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European Law Report

Luxembourg

Plastic manufacturers fail in challenge to national environmental measure

Knichem Base and Others v Comune di Cinisello Balsamo

Case 380/87

Before: R Joliet, President of the Fifth Chamber and Judges Sir Gordon Slynn, J. C. Moitinho da Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias and M Zuleeg

Advocate General F. G. Jacobs (Opinion March 16, 1989)

[Judgment July 13]

The directive on waste did not prohibit the sale or use of any particular product; however, a national measure restricting or prohibiting the sale or use of non-biodegradable containers was a measure which was capable of contributing to the objective of the prevention of waste.

By order of February 16, 1987 the Mayor of the Comune (municipal authority) of Cinisello Balsamo prohibited, as from September 1, 1987, the supplying of shop customers with non-biodegradable bags, wrappers and other containers in which to carry away their purchases and the sale or other distribution in any manner whatsoever of plastic bags with the exception of those intended for the disposal of rubbish.

The applicants, who were companies concerned with the *production of raw materials and* with the processing, marketing and distribution of containers, packing and plastic bags, brought an action against that order before the Tribunale Administrativo Regionale per la Lombardia (Regional Administrative Court, Lombardy) in which they asked for a suspension of the operation thereof and its annulment. They argued in *particular that the order was* incompatible with Community law.

The Tribunale Administrativo Regionale stayed the proceedings and referred certain questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice ruled as follows:

Of the directives referred to by the national court only Council Directive 75/442/EEC of July 15, 1975 on waste (OJ 1975 No L194, p39) was relevant.

First question

The first question was to be understood as seeking to establish whether Directive 75/442 gave individuals a right to sell or to use plastic bags and other non-biodegradable containers.

The object of Directive 75/442 was the harmonization of the legislation of different member states with regard to the elimination of waste in order, on the one hand, to avoid restrictions on intra-Community trade and the inequality of competitive conditions arising from disparities in that legislation and, on the other hand, to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Community in the area of the protection of health and of the environment.

It did not prohibit the sale or use of any particular product. However, it could not be concluded from that observation that the directive prohibited member states from adopting such prohibitions with a view to protecting the environment.

A different interpretation would have no basis in the wording of the directive and would, moreoever, be contrary to its objectives. It was apparent *from article 3 of the directive* that it sought, *inter alia*, to encourage national measures which encouraged the prevention of waste.

The limitation or prohibition of the sale or use of products such as non-biodegradable containers were *measures of such a* kind as to contribute to that objective.

The applicants in the main *proceedings had also argued that* no absolute prohibition against distributing the products in question amounted to a restriction on trade which could not be justified by the requirements of the protection of the environment and which was therefore incompatible with article 30 of the EEC Treaty.

However, the national court had not submitted any question relating to article 30 of the Treaty, consequently, it was not necessary to interpret that provision.

Second question

The second question sought essentially to establish whether article 3(2) of Directive 75/442 required member states to notify to the Commission any planned regulation such as that disputed in the national proceedings, prior to its adoption.

Article 3(2) of Directive 75/442 required member states to inform the Commission in good time not only of any draft rule relating to the use of products which might be a source of technical difficulties as regards disposal or which might lead to excessive disposal costs, but also, by reference to paragraph 1, of any draft regulation intended to encourage the prevention, recycling and processing of waste.

Consequently, even if the claim that the products referred to in the disputed order were not a source of technical difficulties as regards disposal or of excessive disposal costs were correct, it did not follow that such a draft order was exempt from the application of article 3(2) of the directive.

Third question

The third question sought to establish whether article 3(2) of *Directive 75/442* granted individuals a right which they might rely upon before national courts in order to claim the annulment of a national rule falling within the scope of that provision on the basis that the rule had been adopted without prior notification to the Commission.

The obligation imposed on member states by article 3(2) was intended to enable the Commission to be informed of national measures planned in *the area of elimination of waste* in order to enable it to evaluate the necessity of adopting Community harmonization *measures as well as to examine* whether or not the drafts which had been submitted to it were compatible with Community law and, where necessary, to draw any relevant conclusions.

Neither the wording nor the objective of that provision could therefore give rise to the view that the non-observance of the requirement of prior notification might, by itself, render void any rules so adopted.

It followed from the foregoing that the above-mentioned provision related to relations between member states and the Commission but that it did not confer any rights upon individuals whose interests might be harmed in case of infringement by a member state of the obligation of prior notification to the Commission of its proposed regulations.

On those grounds the European Court (Fifth Chamber) ruled:

1 Directive 75/442 was to be interpreted as meaning that it did not confer upon individuals the right to sell or to use plastic bags and other non-biodegradable containers.

2 Article 3(2) of Directive 75/442 was to be interpreted as meaning that it required member states to *inform the Commission* of any draft rules, such as those in dispute in the national proceedings, prior to *their definitive adoption.*

3 Article 3(2) of Directive 75/442 was to be interpreted as meaning that it did not grant *individuals any right which they* might rely upon before national courts in order to obtain the annulment or suspension of *national rules falling within* the area of application of that provision on the ground that those rules had been adopted *without prior notification* to the Commission of the European Communities.

TECHNOLOGY

Computer criminals or obsessive pranksters? **Matthew May** taps into an international convention for some answers

Inside the top hackers' party

Barely a week goes by without reports from somewhere in the world that yet another computer hacker has been discovered or charged with breaking into someone else's computer system.

Last week, for example, the Australian state of Victoria made its first arrest under new laws against computer trespass. Police accused a 32-year-old business student, Deon Barylak, of being a vandalistic hacker who had installed a virus-ridden floppy disc into the computer system at the Swinbourne Institute of Technology in Melbourne.

And in the United States, Robert Morris, aged 24, denied a charge that he was responsible for letting loose a computer "worm" program last November which copied itself and clogged a large network, causing problems for an estimated 6,000 military and research computers.

He is the first person to be charged under a provision of the US Computer Fraud and Abuse Act that outlaws unauthorized access to computers.

If convicted, Morris — who is ironically the son of the chief computer scientist at the National Computer Security Centre — could be sentenced to up to five years in prison, a $250,000 fine and the possibility of having to pay a fortune for the cost of the damage. Computer experts estimate that the time the computers were down and the working hours needed to eliminate the worm cost between £3 million and £7 million.

But while some countries try out their new laws against computer hacking and start to organize against what they see as a problem that can only get far worse, computer hackers seem little-deterred from what they regard as an enviable sport. Teenagers and those old enough to know better seem eager to prove themselves able to thwart the efforts of big organizations to protect their computer systems.

Those organizations and many police forces are unlikely to have been amused by The Galactic Hacker Party held last week. For three days, several hundred hackers from around the world turned up at the Paradiso Theatre in Amsterdam to swap information on how to break into computer systems.

Their common purpose was to publicize their claim that they are not interested in using the information they find but hack purely for the challenge and excitement of being able to get into computers to which they are not supposed to have access.

Paul Denissen, the 19-year-old editor of a Dutch hacking magazine, said: "Showing you can get into a supposedly secure system is one thing — tampering with what is in the system or exploiting the data is another." The hackers' mission, he argued, is to prove that people who protect their computers poorly should not be trusted with the information they hold.

Practical demonstrations were also available. Dozens of personal computers were being used to try out newly aquired passwords and phone numbers for computer systems. They were, it was said, helped by the lack of specific laws in the Netherlands against computer hacking. Inevitably, one group of conference participants managed to break in and take control of the conference's own computer system.

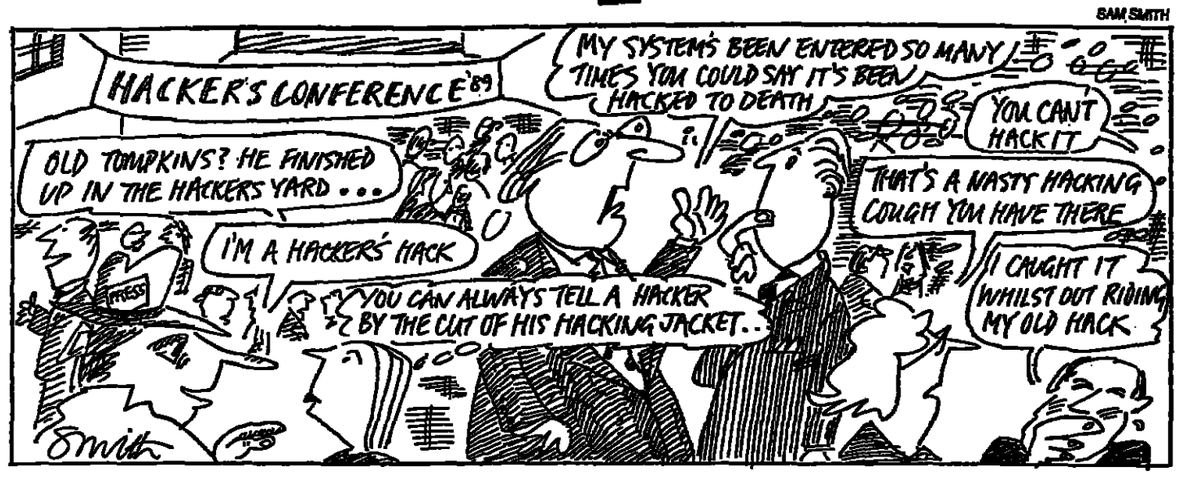
But despite claims that hacking is innocent fun or has a serious social mission, hackers have been found guilty of more than mischievous pranks. The West German intelligence service is convinced that at least one hacking group in the federal republic has sold information to the KGB.

For computer hackers to meet face to face at a conference is far less important than for other groups because, by the very nature of their pastime, they can communicate around the world through electronic messaging systems connected to their computers at home. In Michigan last week, for example, a 17-year-old was accused of displaying more than 1,000 illegally obtained credit and telephone card numbers on an electronic bulletin board, known as the Wizard's Circle, that could be seen by anyone with the phone number and able to connect their computer to his.

Many subscribers are based in Europe and information on computer passwords and the telephone numbers of companies and government computers are regulary displayed on other such bulletin boards.

But if international hacking conferences present organizations with new worries about the security of their computers, there is at least one very knowledgeable source of advice they can get: the reformed hacker.

Four years ago, Robert Schifreen hacked into British Telecom's Prestel system and was prosecuted and convicted, although the judgment was overturned on appeal to the House of Lords. Next month, Schifreen is due to appear at a conference on computer security where, say the organizers, he "will give some practical measures which users should take to prevent hackers gaining entry to their networks".



A victory is claimed in the war on viruses

Israeli scientists have reported progress in making cells resistant to a virus, and hope it will lead to a line of hereditarily immune farm animals. A team at Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science has used genetic engineering to create a strain of cells that are immune to a class of virus which causes foot-and-mouth disease and diarrhoea.

The researchers eventually hope to create a genetically improved farm animal whose offspring will never fall prey to these virally induced infectious diseases.

The project is still in the experimental stage. Any commercial production of viral-resistant farm animals, which may prove ethically controversial, is years away from being realized.

Some people worry about side-effects and other unknown consequences that any gene modification can cause. And there is some religious opposition to such work in Israel.

One researcher, Michael Revel, says the cells were rendered immune by the introduction of a gene whose genetic sequence had been altered to produce the resistant properties. The gene then triggered the production of anti-viral enzymes.

"The next step is immunizing a whole animal," Revel says, adding that this will be accomplished via a genetic-engineering process known as transgenics. This entails removing a newly fertilized egg from a female animal, introducing the altered gene into it and reinserting the treated egg into a foster-mother.

The scientists expect the new-born animal will have incorporated the immunizing gene in every cell of its body. The animal will then posses a genetically inspired resistance to a class of viruses called picornaviruses that cause diseases such as polio and the common cold in humans. The animal's hereditary line also would possess this immunity.

Until now, the only genes that produced anti-viral enzymes — those that combat viral diseases — had been treated within cells by interferon, a protein known for its virus-fighting abilities. The newly created gene will operate without prompting from interferon.

Similar research involving a different virus of the influenza family is being conducted at the University of Munich's Centre for Molecular Biology.

The two-year-old project has used similar techniques to those employed in Israel to modify mice genetically .

Revel says: "This type of genetic engineering is also theoretically possible with humans. But it would be ethically inconceivable to attempt such an experiment."

Will 3D ever work for the television viewer?

One of those ideas that is continually being rediscovered, three dimensional viewing is again the focus of electronic development

Some technical ideas seem to go round and round in circles. An inventor invents, investors invest, publicists promise the world and the Press reports with enthusiasm.

But sometimes tangible results fall far short of expectations, the money dries up and the idea sinks without trace.

A few years later a similar idea re-surfaces, with different inventors and investors. They do not know they are wasting time and money because the Press seldom reports a quiet and gradual sinking without trace. Inventors often skimp on searching past literature and there is always a new investor ready to gamble in ignorance of all that has gone before.

Three-dimensional film and video photography is a prime example of circular invention. It is in fact a moot point whether the viewing public actually wants depth in pictures. Three-dimensional picture postcards have been on sale for decades.

In the early Eighties, the Nimslo system offered the public the chance to make their own 3D snapshots with a multi-lens camera which used conventional film that required special print-processing. Results were variable, the cost of processing was high and the Nimslo system is now just a memory.

Holography provides an image with depth, and engineers in the Soviet Union have long been working on a cinema movie version.

The image looks odd, because of the laser light needed to create it, and only a few people at a time will get the same effect. Even if the technical problems can be solved, and homes and cinemas of the future are able to float holographic images in space, it will take a generation before viewers lose their inbred familiarity with flat screens.

For the foreseeable future, 3D film and television relies on a flat screen, from which images appear to extend backwards and towards the viewer. For a good illusion of depth, the left and right eye must see separate images and, to do this, the viewer must use or wear some kind of spectacle device or the image on screen will look abnormal without it.

The more pronounced the effect of depth seen with spectacles, the worse the pictures will look for those without them.

The cinema industry has used two techniques: colour anaglyph and polarization. In an anaglyph system, two overlapping images appear on screen, one red and one green.

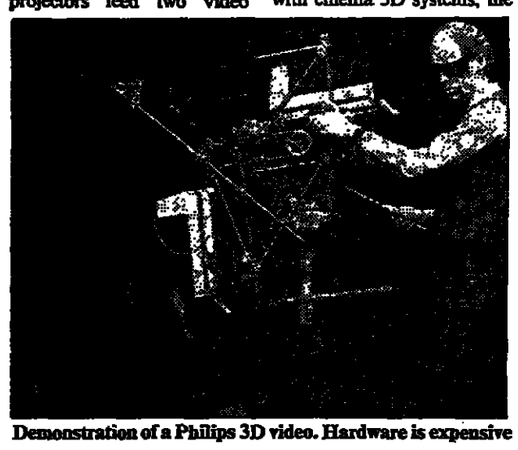
The viewer wears a red filter over one eye and green over the other.

ITV has experimented with anaglyph TV transmissions, using different colour mixes. The result is always the same — a "drunken" double image for anyone watching without spectacles.

The best results are obtained by projecting two full-colour images on screen at the same time, using light which is polarised at different angles.

The viewer wears a polarizing filter — like sunglasses — over each eye, with the filters set a different angles. So each eye sees only one image. The brain decodes depth in full, natural colour. Again, anyone without spectacles sees a double image.

Philips has demonstrated 3D video. Two videodisc projectors feed two video projectors, each with a polarizing filter to mimic the cinema system. Results are good but the hardware is far too bulky and expensive for home use.


Demonstration of a Philips 3D video. Hardware is expensive

JVC and Sharp sell a simpler 3D videodisc system for home use in Japan. The Department of Biophysics at Leeds University developed a similar system, which works with taped images or computer graphics.

The technique used is tachistoscopy, or frame-sequential stereoscopy. Whereas with cinema 3D systems, the left and right eye images are displayed simultaneously and viewed separately, the sequential video system displays the images alternately on a television screen.

The viewer watches through a pair of liquid crystal spectacles, which alternately shutter the left and right eyes, so that each eye sees only its intended image on the screen.

The difficult part is to synchronize the spectacle shuttering with the sequence of images on screen.

The snag is that even at the 60Hz picture rate used for Japanese and US television, each eye sees only 30 images a second. This is too slow to prevent the eye and brain perceiving irritating flicker.

Toshiba in Japan has developed a VHS camcorder which is said to solve the problem. It has two lenses which record alternate left and right images on the tape. On playback, each picture is reproduced twice, so each eye sees 60 pictures a second.

This kills flicker. You need a special television set with a picture memory and faster scanning circuitry than is usually found in a domestic set. In early 1988, Aspex, British company, claimed that it was "set to revolutionize the look of photographic visual media".

Aspex had spent £1 million, raised from three venture capital companies and Pilkington, the glass manufacturer, on modifying a film camera so that it creates a stereoscopic illusion. With it, Aspex hoped to create a new production standard for the film and TV industries. Demonstrations were staged in London and Hollywood.

In the US, Coca-Cola backed another new system, called Nuoptix, which claimed to offer 3D effects to viewers with spectacles, without disturbing those without.

Nuoptix works with a single lens camera and creates an illusion of depth only if the camera or scene on screen is moving. Nuoptix uses a natural phenomenon known as the Pulfrich effect — which has been re-discovered many times.

Both eyes see the same view, but one eye is given a dimmer image than the other. If the image is moving, the brain is fooled into seeing 3D because it takes longer to process the dimmer image and thus registers different perspectives for each eye.

For Nuoptix to work, there must be relative movement between the camera, scene and actors. To see 3D, viewers must wear a pair of spectacles, with different light attenuation for each eye.

Though there is no fringing, audiences may tire of watching screen images that rely on continual relative movement between the scene and camera to achieve a depth effect. The first broadcast trials in the US got a lukewarm response.

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Ray of light for the young as hiring policy changes direction

JOBSCENE

'Deskilling' of tasks such as programming because of the technological advantages may open more routes into the industry for newcomers

The common refrain from those applying for a job in information technology is how difficult it is to get in without experience.

Any report of how desperately short of staff the industry is results in a postbag of letters from young and old who want a job in computing but find the doors firmly closed, even after paying for training themselves.

But a fundamental change in hiring policies could be coming and those previously excluded may find their applications being viewed by more receptive managers.

A view is gaining ground that programming and other jobs such as operations do not need to be handled by highly trained or skilled experts when so many of the tasks can be "deskilled" through the introduction of technology — in much the same way that running a complex production line in a factory is easier than it used to be since many processes became automatically monitored.

Hardware and software firms are also busily introducing tools to assist programmers and deskill the tasks. Programmers have traditionally formed the bulk of IT jobs and many of them are graduates.

But a distinction is starting to be made between those who code programs already specified in detail and those who design programs as they write them.

The industry is accepting the view that coders do not need to be heavily trained and can be more likened to a technician, opening the way to many who might have been excluded before.

Personal computers have been instrumental in changing the view of technology as they are accessible to such an extent that many users are comfortable developing systems themselves instead of relying on IT experts.

Though it may have been appropriate to hire the highly qualified expert when systems were complex to develop, that is no longer true.

"The high-priest-of-technology syndrome is going to break down," John Aris of the National Computing Centre, says. "Instead of having acolytes in the temple, they will become worker priests in the community."

At the same time, both the size of the population in the UK and those of working age is set to drop dramatically in the Nineties.

By the year 2000, there will be about 1.3 million fewer under-25s and the population of 16 to 19 year-olds is expected to be 1.1 million less than at its peak in 1982, according to the Institute of Manpower Studies (IMS). Both groups provide many entrants to the IT industry, where the average age is 30.

These changes will take place while the demand for staff continues to rise.

John Atkinson, research fellow at the IMS, says: "The disproportion between the steeply rising demand for labour and the sluggish rise in supply means that there are no circumstances (short of catastrophic recession) in which the 1990s will not be characterized by labour shortage, in just the same way as the early 1980s were characterized by a labour surplus."

But many firms are still reluctant to take on the inexperienced for hi-tec jobs because of the high cost of training and the fact that staff change jobs frequently so that firms have to retrain newcomers.

This means that even though they are forced to increase their supply by taking on trainees, they have been in a position to be choosy. Many have hired graduates in specific disciplines as a way of speeding the process.

However, this option is beginning to fall away. The Association of Graduate Recruiters points out that "employers expect that the number of unfilled vacancies will remain at approximately 10 per cent" after the hiring round this summer.

As 1992 approaches, there is increasing evidence of European firms' persuading British graduates to leave the UK, which will add to the shortfall.

"It used to be graduates for system development roles and school leavers would get the operations jobs. But that is changing quite quickly now. The opportunities for A and O level students are improving and will do so dramatically in the future," says Rick Firth, training director of the NCC.

British Telecom is reviewing its hiring policies and is expected to revamp its profile of entrants. "We are looking for good quality school leavers but as their numbers drop over the next few years we may have to look to job changers and the unemployed up to the age of 41", Derek Wilson, senior technical manager for BT, says.

Many retail firms, such as Sainsbury's and Gateway, already hire a sizeable number of highly motivated IT trainees under the various threshold schemes and report satisfaction with the results.

"The emphasis is very much on growing our own staff and we offer three different training schemes," Mike Worral, IT service director of Gateway, says.

"We take on graduates from university, those with HND computer science qualifications and from the youth opportunity schemes."

The NCC has successfully trained many Threshold Scheme entrants who have gone on to occupy senior positions as programmers and analysts.

They recommend that job centres which have details of the IT firms and training schemes that are available should be approached.

Finding companies that are prepared to train is the key to getting into the industry. Though it may be tempting to pay for a course oneself, most consultants advise against it.

The inexperienced are the least likely to know whether a course is useful enough to land a job, although for some, it has been a successful way of gaining some knowledge.

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What is the future for electronic home banking? **Patricia Tehan** reports

Home savings?

As a concept, home banking should be brilliant, but in practice it is proving slow to take off. Most banks and building societies are expressing interest in providing at least an automatic service over the telephone, if not a full computer screen-based system. But all carefully guard detail of customers and profits or losses. Home banking comes in two forms: basic telephone banking and the more costly and complicated screen-based banking.

Debate continues over whether to use a screen-based system linked to a national network, such as Prestel, which can deter customers because of the costs involved, or a telephone banking system with some form of voice response or recognition.

The Bank of Scotland makes a great play about being the first bank to give home banking a try, through a joint effort with the Nottingham Building Society, called Homelink. This led to the launch in 1984 of the Bank of Scotland's own Home and Office Banking System (HOBS).

HOBS is a screen-based system, which means that customers can transfer money, ask for a statement or pay bills using a screen linked to the Prestel network. The Bank of Scotland admits that the cost of using Prestel is a deterrent to some customers and is in the process of building its own network with lower charges, so that customers have the choice.

Prestel costs £8 a quarter, apart from VAT and time charges. The new network will cost £3 a month to personal customers and £10 to business customers, with no time or VAT charges.

Ian Duncanson, manager of HOBS sales and support at the Bank of Scotland, says 60 per cent of HOBS customers are businesses and 40 per cent are personal customers. The Bank of Scotland's largest HOBS customer has 2,000 accounts.

Duncanson says he is unable to give details of the number of customers using HOBS or the amount of money they generate. The only indication of customer numbers he will give is that there are thousands of users as opposed to hundreds.

One of the most recent entrants to the market place is National and Provincial, which is trying to appeal to younger customers with MAX, a range of services including telephone banking.

National Westminster Bank began a telephone banking pilot in Bristol last year. It has already exceeded its 3000 customer limit with 5,500 customers using Actionline. Next month, the service will be marketed to all customers in Bristol, and the bank will offer a national service at the end of the year.

Actionline is based on a Marconi voice-recognition system. Customers can pay bills, transfer money between accounts, obtain statements and balances and order cheque books.

In theory, telephone banking is a cheap and easy way to access a bank account. To access Actionline, a customer makes a phone call to a computer in Bristol and gives an account number and an access code.

The main drawback is the limit to the number of words or digits recognized: the Marconi system has a vocabulary of 16 words. Geoff Hammond, Nat West's Actionline project manager, said the bank hopes to have over a million home banking customers by 1992.

Industry watchers agree that the most successful approach to home banking is likely to be a combination of telephone and screen-based banking. Brian Eadie is product marketing manager at the Software Partnership, which supplies Midland Bank, Clydesdale, Girobank and National & Provincial with home banking products.

He argues that the technology is improving all the time and says: "In the coming years, the number of screen-based systems is going to increase and the costs will come down."

Customers will then be able to use a screen in the office or at home and the telephone when they are on holiday. But even though home banking has been around since 1983, this choice will not be available overnight.

Eadie believes true home banking is still at least five years away. He says all of the main banks and building societies are investigating home banking, but the larger organizations are more reluctant.

Indeed, the banks and building societies refuse to detail their investment costs. Hammond says NatWest expects to be making money on Actionline by 1992.

NatWest is the most advanced of the big four clearing banks, with three separate offerings. Midland Bank is rumoured to be investigating a telephone banking project, but a spokesman insists that the bank is not convinced about home banking.

Midland has been running a screen-based home banking pilot since 1983, but has been unable to see any benefit in extending it. The pilot is believed to have about 1,200 customers. Lloyds has a telephone-banking pilot.

Barclays experimented with a pilot system several years ago, but appears to be the least convinced of all the banks.

Eadie says medium-size organizations "are more interested because the costs are lower and it will give them an opportunity to increase their customer base through cross-selling other services".

Perhaps the best indication of the success of home banking — or lack of it — is the way all of the main players feel the need to have some kind of offering, but refuse to furnish results.

Ian Duncanson of the Bank of Scotland, which has its own home and office banking system with thousands of customers

Circuit breakthrough

A cheaper and faster way of printing circuits directly on to circuit boards is said to have been devised in the US

Scientists have developed a cheaper and more accurate method of printing circuits directly on to circuit boards. It is also said to be 100 times faster and to allow increasing miniaturization of everything from videos, washing machines and hair-dryers to microprocessors, electronic sensors and military hardware.

Known as the Printron Process, the technique is also expected to lead to a new generation of medical devices such as pacemakers and blood-pressure monitors where circuitry is printed directly on to clothing.

Such notions may sound outrageous, yet some of the earliest pacemakers did stimulate heart muscles from outside the skin, using coils to transfer energy into the chest.

Modern, implanted pacemakers are now *tiny units*. Most of the casing is filled by long-life batteries rather than bulky electronics. It is believed that with the Printron process, these tiny components could be integrated into the fabric printed circuits almost undetectably, much like buttons stitched on a shirt.

Discrete wires, attached to *tiny skin pads*, could communicate the impulses while power may be produced not by batteries but by externally slim solar-powered cells similar to those now fuelling pocket calculators.

"Since our process does not use acid vats or cyanide, circuits will be printed on flexible materials such as fabrics," explains Robert Conley, a former chemistry professor at Rutgers University, New Jersey, and the brains behind the method. "This means that ties or vests will be printed directly with medical electronics."

The technique achieves such a remarkable number of *leaps forward by the Printron* team's development of special alloy inks with unusual structural, electrical and physical properties. Most printed circuit boards (PCBs), the instruction cards which control the operation of most electrical devices, are manufactured now by etching out a copper-clad plate from a photographic pattern.

The drawbacks of this standard method — which the new process claims to overcome — are several: boosting the amount of electrical messages passing around the board's circuitry can lead to overheating of the system, thus limiting speed; cyanide and acid used in the manufacture are a potential health hazard to workers and the environment, and costs are relatively high.

Though an alternative, not dissimilar to Printron, exists commercially, Conley claims it, too, has significant drawbacks. This technique, instead of etching, harnesses silver powders and solder pastes to *silk screen-like print circuits* directly on to a board.

There is a limitation to packing more and more circuitry on to a given size and thus a hindrance in the push towards miniaturization of electrical devices.

Exactly how the Printron process overcomes the limitations of both etched and direct powder and paste printing is being kept under wraps. But Conley and his team claim the specially developed alloy inks allow uniform "clean" printing of circuit lines as thin as 2mm, which can be spaced as little as 3mm apart.

The speed of the process comes from the way the inks are set. Instead of a drying technique, Printron circuits are "cured" by irradiation. These boards, says Conley, can be made in 90 seconds, as opposed to the 90 minutes for a standard board.

Several different inks can be printed simultaneously, allowing contact "fingers" to be attached to the edges of boards at the same time as the circuitry is being laid down. "Fingers" fit into connectors and allow current to flow to the board in a single pass.

In an attempt to raise both research and development and commercialization cash for the new system, Conley and colleagues last year set up the Printron company based in New Jersey. The firm now expects to be offering the process to equipment manufacturers in 1990. Costs have yet to be finalized but boardmakers will probably have to pay £50,000 for the Printron printer and irradiation scanner.

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by Matthew May

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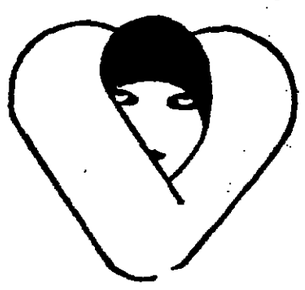

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A career in raising money

The multi-million pound business of fundraising for charities is creating top-salary opportunities for senior managers in search of a change, Timothy Finn writes

The fundraising market is on an upward curve. Five-year comparisons published by the Charities Aid Foundation show a 17 per cent annual growth in charitable donations over the first half of the Thatcher decade amounting to an estimated £1,900 million a year and rising.

Behind these figures lies a change in attitudes among revenue-seeking charities which has revitalized the performance of a previously placid sector. The flag-wavers of the change are the big appeals. Ten years ago Oxford University, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Ely Cathedral would have been low in the rankings as potential generators of multi-million pound incomes. Now they are the public symbols of a success which runs right across the charities board.

Charities are applying professionalism to the raising of funds as never before. Charles Wood, chairman of the specialist retail charity Cards For Good Causes, comments: "Do-gooding is not enough. Our own sales growth of 122 per cent in five years has been achieved by detailed attention to customer needs. That means that product selection, purchasing, delivery and the location of our sales sites have to match the performance of top commercial outlets. The public expects a good service and looks to us to make a good return to the charities we represent."

New methods of market penetration are being opened up. Many charities are breaking through the self-built barricades which have traditionally blocked the path to their best source of funds: the promotional budgets of commerce and industry. With firms' promotional spending exceeding their purely charitable giving by a factor of many hundred, sponsorship is increasingly the arena in which the big charitable deals are done. In contrast the purist's plea "Go on, give" is — by its rejection of commercialism — one of the most difficult requests for a business manager to respond to.

For major benefactors — individuals as well as companies — charities are also becoming systems designers, working to create one-off packages which match the client's giving objectives. This partnership approach to leading donations is capable of solving a whole fundraising need through a single, targeted gift.

Judith Rich, honorary secretary of the Institute of Charity Fundraising Managers (ICFM), has participated in the current fundraising expansion since the late 1970s. She points to two factors as the keys to growth: "In the last 10 years the British charity has upgraded fundraising from a processing office to a creative and marketing division. In so doing it has established a new board-level appointment — director of fundraising. The challenge which faces us now is to win over men and women of professional quality to fill these important posts."

At present, qualification by experience is rightly the main yardstick for admission to the profession. For those coming into fundraising for the first time, both the ICFM and the Directory of Social Change offer conversion courses in all the principal areas of fundraising. By the end of this century a three to five year programme of examination and articles may well be the route to accreditation for younger entrants.

The immediate requirement, therefore, is for experienced managers capable of adapting their skills to the new second-career opportunities.

On three counts these opportunities are attractive to second-career professionals. First, earnings expectations for the fundraiser are rising rapidly to close the gap with industry. Once a track-record in winning donations is established, a senior executive will find his or her skills much in demand.

Sam Osmond, general manager of the recruitment advisers Charity Appointments, says: "In the last 12 months we have started to see leading charities paying more for their fundraiser than for their chief executive. Salaries of £30,000 and upwards are now the guideprice for these posts within national organizations. Even in smaller charities fundraisers' rates are outstripping general salary increases by a clear 10 per cent per annum. Such rewards become achievable when successful fundraising experience can be proven."

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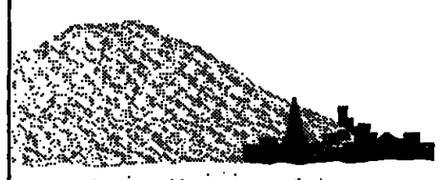

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ATHLETICS

Aouita and Ondieki in joint attack on Rono's record

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Malmö

The rumour mill, otherwise known as the IAAF/Mobil grand prix circuit, is back in action after the heady days of European Cup competition. As usual, some rumours have more credence than others, such as Said Aouita's intention to break Henry Rono's 3,000 metres world record. The Moroccan has come close three times in as many years. If he does not break it tonight, he may never do it.

Malmö is not on the grand prix circuit, but, with a budget of $500,000, the organizers do not see why not. Money like that has bought several good fields, including Yobes Ondieki and Arturo Barrios, *both in the form of their lives*, to race Aouita. Sydney Maree has been enlisted as pacemaker, which is ironic in direct proportion to the money he is likely to be paid for it.

Maree won the 3,000 metres here last year in a stadium record of 7min 38.79sec. His pacemaker was . . . Ondieki. The Kenyan and Aouita have both been training in Davos, Switzerland. But they are likely to get closer on the track than they ever were there. Ondieki said yesterday: "We had all our meals in the same restaurant, otherwise I never saw him."

Ondieki also said: "I hear he's in good shape, too. If he's going for the world record, I am, *too.*" *Barrios cannot* be ignored, but he is here essentially to prepare for his 10,000 metres in Berlin next week.

The race should be Aouita v Ondieki. Aouita must be in world record-breaking form if he has agreed to meet Ondieki. *The Moroccan has* avoided Ondieki since the Kenyan beat him out of sight (according to Aouita, he never saw Ondieki take off) in a 5,000 metres in Seville two months ago, one of Aouita's handful of defeats in the last five years.

Maree has been asked to run 2,000 metres in 5min 02sec, and, given that Aouita has done a 2min 24sec last kilometre, albeit off a slower pace, then Rono's 7:32.1, set 11 years ago, will be in some danger. If that goes, it will have a certain symmetry, since Rono's only other world record at the start of the year, the steeplchase, went in Stockholm just over a month ago.

The aim of offering $25,000 prize-money for the 1,500 metres fell through when Steve Cram got injured, although heaven knows how he was expecting to run here with the Commonwealth trials beginning in Birmingham tomorrow night. Aouita probably lost interest because Abdi Bile is still running.

The other $25,000 prize, for the "Fab Four", seems in jeopardy as well. No, it is not the Beatles' comeback, it is the best 400 metres race since the Olympic final, with the champion, Steve Lewis, meeting the world record holder, Butch Reynolds, for the first time since Seoul, with a sub-cast of Danny Everett, Thomas Schönlebe, Antonio Pettigrew, Tim Simon and Innocent Egbunike.

The news yesterday, however, was that Lewis was injured. A rumour that might have more credence is that Zurich, the jewel on the grand prix circuit next Wednesday, offered more money for the match. Reynolds said yesterday: "I don't know what the hell's going on." That should be the circuit motto.

Backley nears world record

By Pat Butcher

It was only a matter of time *before Steve Backley overtook* Mick Hill, Britain's other world-class javelin thrower, to set a national record. Their rivalry had helped bring Backley *through from the junior ranks* last year and Backley, aged 20, has been throwing far better than Hill this season. It was a bit of foreign rivalry, however, that *helped Backley to his 85.86* metres in Budapest two nights ago.

Backley had already beaten this year's Soviet No. 1, Viktor *Zaitsev, while winning the* European Cup in Gateshead last Saturday. But it was Viktor Yevsyukov, the Soviet record holder, who had taken the lead from Backley *with his last throw* in the Nepstadion on Tuesday.

Backley responded by launching his own last attempt over a metre past his former best this year, and adding 62 centimetres to Hill's United Kingdom record. *Backley is now less than* two metres behind Jan Zelezny's world record with the new implement, introduced as a safety measure in 1986 to reduce distances. Zelezny's 87.66 metres has to be seen as a realistic target, if not this season then next year, for the Briton.

Backley has gone from outside the world top 50 at the start of the year to fifth on the new rankings list. His failure to win the world junior title last year, when favourite — another Soviet thrower, Vladimir Ovchinnikov, beat him — militated against Olympic selection, and he did not go to Seoul.

But in rising almost to the top this year, he has displayed a combative nature, beating all those still in front of him on the record lists, Zelezny, Klaus *Tafelmeier, Kazuhiro* Mizoguchi, and Tapio Korjus.

He enjoys a solid family backing. His father, John, was a county half-mile champion, and is now an enthusiastic official with the Kent club, Cambridge Harriers. Backley's elder brother travelled across Scandinavia by boat and train to watch him compete earlier this summer.

Backley will doubtless get a hero's welcome in Birmingham when he turns up for the AAA championships on Saturday. But only from the crowd. In common with many other events in British athletics nowadays, he will be given just as hard a time competitively by his colleagues as by any foreigners. *Hill will be there,* Roald Bradstock, Gary Jenson, Mark Roberson, and Peter Yates, all looking to do the same to him as he has been doing to Zelezny and Co.

Briton poised to win half a million

Happy sand boy: A confident thumbs-up from Potter while preparing to pull off his fifth victory at the Newquay contest

Every surf has a silver lining

The surfers were happy. As the wild wind *whistled in off the Atlantic, the* bucket-and-spade brigade scurried behind their wind shelters. The surfers scurried towards the water. They *were in their element. The fierce,* frothy, white-doned waves were crashing across Fistral Bay, Newquay.

"The bigger they are, the *better," Martin Potter said.* "Surfing is just you and the ocean. It's a great contest." And off he went: wet suit, board and a wave to ride. He was as happy as *a sand boy.* Surfers though are no longer beach-bumming, sun-soaking sand boys. Surfing is serious.

Potter, aged 24, born in Blyth, Northumberland, and now living out of a suitcase for most of the year, is a professional surfer. If he wins the Hot Tuna Surf Masters event which begins in Newquay today it will be his fifth win of the 28th event tour.

He leads the world championship, the first time a Briton has ever done so. When the tour finishes in Hawaii in January his earnings could have topped $500,000. That figure makes him one of Britain's best paid sportsmen. Enough to pay for a few tequilas as the sun rises.

Potter has been a professional surfer for eight years. His parents emigrated to Durban, South Africa, when he was three. The high-rollers on Durban's Bay of Plenty were soon Potter's playground. At 15 he left school and headed for the beach. He hasbeen there ever since.

Surfers are at present in the throws of an identity crisis. They look like happy-go-lucky beach bums: raggle-taggle hair styles, unkempt, unshaven. They dress like happy-go-lucky beach bums: day-glo sunshades, with shirts, shorts and shoes all a shock of colour. And yet they can no longer be happy-go-lucky beach bums.

The surfing circuit is now a demanding one. Eleven months, eight countries, 28 events and $2.3 million at stake. Thought the high stakes and competition are among the 70 full-time surfers, Potter admits that life has changed in the last 12 months.

"I've just been floundering around for eight years," he says, "happy just to be able to surf, travel the world and make a bit of money. It's different now. The big money which has come in over the last two years means you have to be fitter, you have to be better prepared and you have to be tougher on the water. I used to think of myself just as a surfer. Now I think of myself as a professional surfer. The next step is to think of myself as a professional athlete."

Surfing is athletic. As the swell surges up, crests and cascades down, the surfer ploughs furiously through it all, calmly selects a wave and then jumpts headlong into it. He is up and riding. The aim is to ride as far and long as possible, with as much poise as possible, performing as many tricks as possible. Potter calls it "calculated recklessness". If you get the calculations wrong, *it hurts.*

Potter's thigh bears a jagged 32-stitch reminder of a fall when he was 13 years old. The fin of his board speared his thigh, severing an artery. His mother suggested enough was enough. He did not listen. He has since ridden the Big Tube in Hawaii, tucked inside the roaring hollow of the 20ft wave for as long as 10 seconds. One twitch, he was a goner. A wave that *size is like* skiing an avalanche. It will get you in the end. On Sunset Beach in Hawaii he was once dumped by a 25ft wave. As he was sucked under, gasping for air, he didn't think he would ever be back up again.

Newquay is now home for his family. Its twisting, turning little tea-shop streets were thronging this week. Mum, Dad and the kids in search of the sand castles and sun: long-limbed laid-back, bleached-hair surfers in search of the wind and the waves. Summer holidays for some: serious business for others.

Mick Cleary

TENNIS

Illustrious pair may be on edge of split

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver, a partnership even more formidable than that of Louise Brough and Margaret Osborne, may have played their last match as a doubles team. That, at least, is the opinion of Shriver, who says that they have "kinda grown apart". In Los Angeles this week, Navratilova is in harness with Wendy Turnbull and Shriver with Elise Burgin.

Navratilova and Shriver have stayed together far longer than most teams do. Their tally of 20 grand slam titles began at Wimbledon in 1981 and may have ended with the Australian championship they won seven months ago. From June 1983 to July 1985 they won 109 consecutive matches.

Navratilova has won 29 women's doubles titles in grand slam events: 20 with Shriver, three with Billie Jean King, two with Chris Evert, and one each with Betsy Nagelsen, Anne Smith, Betty Stove and Andrea Temesvari. By contrast Shriver has shared only one other grand slam title and that, with Emilio Sánchez in Paris two years ago, was in the mixed event rather than the women's.

The shared total of 20 grand slam championships consists of seven Australian, four French, five Wimbledon, and four United States titles. Three times, Navratilova and Shriver won all four in a row. In 1984 they became the first women's team to win all four championships in the same year.

The dominance of the powerfully athletic Navratilova and and the long-limbed Shriver has been based on their serving and their forecourt play. Doubles tend to be won and lost at the net, where both excel. Much, too, depends on the kind of personal and tactical rapport which Navratilova and Shriver quickly established.

These supreme partners have won only one of their last four grand slam tournaments as a team. The magic has gone: and it is reasonable to suppose that each might be stimulated by changing partners. But they cannot even hope to achieve as much apart as they did together.

Prices rise for show court seats

Seats at the Wimbledon *championships next year,* from June 25 to July 8, will be more expensive. Prices for centre court, court one and court two seats will *rise* by at *least £1 each day and the cost of* a centre court ticket for the finals is up by £3 to £39.

Reserved standing room on the centre court will cost £1 *more but turnstile admission* remains unchanged at £6, reducing to £3 after 5pm.

Chris Gorringe, chief executive of the All England Club, who hand over the entire surplus to the Lawn Tennis Association — the figure was £7.6 million in 1988 — said yesterday: "We try to achieve a happy balance by providing substantial sums of money to support the game without making Wimbledon so commercial that it spoils its unique character."

He added: "We aim to ensure that those who really love the game and the championships are able to come. To help achieve this, a substantial proportion of centre and number one court tickets (with restricted view) are now sold at reduced prices.

"To balance this we feel it is appropriate that a small proportion — less than nine per cent of centre and number one court seats — should be available to corporate hospitality."

SPORTS LETTERS

For the record

From Mr Jack Bannister

Dear Sir, Too much of the *feature concerning me* (August 3) is too subjective to answer. I would just make two points.

1, The tone does not fairly reflect the nature of my replies to your reporter's questions.

2, The phrase referring to me as "a leading supporter of South Africa's attempts to return to international cricket" clearly illustrates his failure to understand the issues.

At no time, either for the *Birmingham Post and Mail* newspapers, the *Wisden Cricket Monthly*, for whom I write in an editorial consultancy capacity, or in any broadcast either on radio or television, have I ever advanced the view that South Africa should be re-admitted to Test cricket.

That is a different issue, and *for the* record, I believe that they should not while apartheid remains on their statute books.

Also for the record, I regret that the tour is taking place, and firmly believe that but for the TCCB revoking its written agreement with the Cricketers' Association, which drew a distinction between players going to South Africa in an individual capacity and those taking part in an organized tour, the tour by 16 England players next January would never have happened.

The Cricketers' Association even asked the Board for a further distinction to be asked for at ICC level between individuals who played and coached, but received no encouragement.

Yours sincerely

JACK BANNISTER,

13 Whiterock Close,

Pontypridd,

Mid-Glamorgan.

Readers views on the tour of South Africa

From R. G. Core

Sir, Whilst no brief can be held in support of apartheid, all reasonable consideration must surely be accorded to an individual sportsman's right to self-determination. The Government continues to insist that the imposition of commercial sanctions would have no positive effect on integration and further states that far from effecting positive reaction, such sanctions would only provide further deprivation to the already oppressed South African non-whites.

How can we therefore expect that individual sportsmen should apply unilateral sanctions by refusal to visit South Africa, even if one suspects that their motivation is based on the same financial incentives enjoyed by many of our profit-seeking business institutions. The almost pious bleatings of various officials and members of parliament would therefore suggest unacceptable double standards.

The fair-minded are surely bound to consider the individual's prime responsibility to his family commitments by making *every effort to secure their* future. Not for our politicians the problem of unemployment during parliamentary recess, and whilst being a long-standing admirer of Mr Dexter one cannot imagine that his commercial interests cease at the close of our domestic season, as is ever a possibility among county cricketers.

Surely the most hypocritical reactions have been expressed by various overseas cricket authorities whose players would appear quite happy to play with and against white South African cricketers when in pursuit of their not-inconsiderable earnings from county cricket. The decision of these players to tour may not be universally condoned, but we should not expect them to hoist a flag of isolationism when Government doggedly refuses to carry out arguably more effective punitive measures.

Yours sincerely
R. G. CORE,
17 Downfield Lodge,
Downfield Road,
Clifton,
Bristol.

From Dr V. Goldberg

Dear Sir, The organization of the current tour to South Africa and the threat of future tours will have more effect on English cricket than even the "Packer revolution", unless certain steps are taken now.

For example, the county cricket championship — very dependent on money from international cricket and must be considered the major "nursery" for international players. It has remarkably little spectator support for such a great competition, and, if England were forced to withdraw from the international cricket scene there is no evidence that support would return to 1947 or 1948 levels.

The organizers of the championship should draw up contracts forbidding participation of players in unauthorized tours. Counties should only be allowed to field *one* player unavailable to play for England — overseas *or* rebel — in any one match.

To compensate, salaries or fees should be raised by at least 20 per cent. The cricket authorities should do more to place cricketers in jobs out of season and ensure that they have training for jobs when they retire (Northamptonshire operated such a scheme a *few* years ago). Sponsors could be of great help here. This would be supplemented by the benefit system, which has great advantages, and should not be changed.

Insurance premiums for the type of injury that can destroy a career in an instant should also be improved.

Looking to the future, recent changes in the education system have meant that fewer teachers are available for coaching and escort duty for school matches. What would be the objection to the cricket authorities negotiating with local education authorities to be allowed to pay fees to teachers for these duties out of school hours? Fewer children would be lost to cricket, teachers would supplement their pay, and LEAs would earn the gratitude of the cricket-loving public.

Yours faithfully,
Dr V. GOLDBERG,
6 Hollycroft Avenue,
Wembley,
Middlesex.

From Dr John Farwell

Sir, Irrespective of its expressed attitudes to the tour of South Africa by English cricketers the TCCB must surely take suitable steps to deal with the consequences within the game in England. Having adopted a policy of restricting access to overseas players on the grounds of expanding opportunities in county cricket for those eligible for England these players, who by their actions make themselves ineligible, must be placed in the same category.

Failure to do so is not only inconsistent but means that next season Middlesex and Nottinghamshire could field teams with as *few* as seven players eligible for England.

Given the current standard of our international side the fundamental priority must be to maximize the opportunities for players qualified, or actively committed to qualifying, for England. Those who choose to renounce their eligibility cannot be allowed to impede this objective.

Should the TCCB have qualms about protecting its interests or about its abilities to handle such a process senior officials could perhaps have taken a short trip to Wembley last weekend to consult the administrators of the American NFL who seem to have strong control over their own game.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FARWELL,
112 Bressey Grove,
South Woodford, London.

Leg-before decisions

From Mr J. A. Mudge

Dear Sir, Is it cricket? I never cease to be amazed at the lack of fairness which is displayed when reporting the efforts of England — in particular it must surely be reasonable to assume a certain amount of luck — good or bad whichever way you look at it — in all ball games.

England have once again at Old Trafford sustained leg-before decisions out of all proportion to the general run of the game, with the result that their first innings totals have left them with mountains to climb. To blame this entirely on the captain and his men is simply not reasonable in my opinion.

I am not imputing any criticism of the umpire and none is warranted in my opinion but I believe some analysis of the facts might lead one to believe that another factor may be at work to explain the continual low team scores which England is experiencing.

If we look at the figures:

Test	England 1st Inns		England 2nd Inns		Australia 1st Inns		Australia 2nd Inns	
	Men out	Out Rbw	Men out	Out Rbw	Men out	Out Rbw	Men out	Out Rbw
1st	10	5	10	2	10	2	2	0
2nd	10	1	10	4	10	3	4	0
3rd	10	4	—	—	10	1	2	0
4th	10	5	—	—	10	1	2	0
Total	40	15	20	6	39	7	8	0

Percentages: England 12.6, Australia 3.29

If doubt exists when the players appeal the batsmen get the benefit of the doubt — but if the players appeal *every 10 or so* balls with sufficient vigour does this always apply?

Yours faithfully,
Mr J. A. MUDGE,
26 Burgess Street,
Leominster,
Herefordshire.

Regional games

From Mr J. A. Britton

Dear Sir, It appears that with the ever-widening gulf between Test and county cricket, representative cricket at an intermediate level is urgently required.

Might I suggest, a new competition, to replace one of the existing one-dayers between teams from areas of the country. For example, teams from the north, south, midlands, and the west, could play, on a round-robin basis, in a series of four-day (or even five-day) matches. The winners would receive a trophy and suitable financial rewards.

This would give valuable experience, at a *level higher than* county cricket, to the best up-and-coming players, before they are thrust into the spotlight of Test cricket.

Our first-class structure is too large and therefore talent is much less concentrated. Most of our rivals' senior competitions are between much fewer teams, as in Australia, West Indies and New Zealand. All have enjoyed considerable success against England in recent years.

Imagine the prospect; three or four of the best players from each county playing competitive cricket at Test-like standard. What a field day for armchair selectors. The only drawback, I can foresee, is that it may result in an end-of-term bonus for 44 overseas players!

Yours,
J. A. BRITTON,
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Muswell Hill,
London.

Change venues

From Paul R. Rawson

Sir, Eight three-day Britannic Assurance championship games started last Saturday. The same 16 counties played each other yesterday in the Refuge Assurance League. All one-day games were played on the same ground as the three-day match. Of the sixteen counties, three made no change from Saturday to Sunday (including both sides in the Yorkshire/Northamptonshire game), three made one change, nine made two changes and only one, Lancashire, disturbed the Saturday side by as much as three changes.

I cannot see how the game is helped by such juxtaposition of team membership, opponent and ground. It cannot be helpful to cricket as a game if the three-day events, from which we hope to nurture top class, Test players is interrupted by a *tip-and-run* frolic on a Sunday and that game is played by almost the same players and on the same ground as the three-day game.

I suggest that venues of Sunday games should be more carefully considered next season.

It is interesting to note the good sense of Lancashire who have, on the whole, protected Michael Atherton from the nonsense of the Sunday slog, enabling him to develop as a real cricketer for county and country.

Yours faithfully
PAUL R. RAWSON,
Springwood,
Audlem,
Cheshire.

Opening thought

From Jamie Salmon

Dear Sir, Now that English cricket can look to the future I imagine most cricket followers would, in a couple of years time, like to see a batting order include Atherton, Hick, Ramprakash, Smith and Hussain. All of them should bat in the top five yet none of them open the batting for their counties.

I hope somebody has the *foresight to rectify this "nice"* problem by preparing a couple of them to face the new ball while there is still time.

Yours faithfully,
JAMIE SALMON,
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Greenford,
Middlesex.

The glorious uncertainty

From Keith Wood

Sir, Your correspondent, D. Findlater, in his reply to the previous letter from Mr Abbot, refers to bad decisions, by various sportsmen, which result in "victories" to opponents.

It is true that the Gattings of this world play injudicious strokes, from time to time, and the Campeses occasionally suffer a mental aberration (like Rory Underwood), etc.Surely, this is what sport is all about? That glorious uncertainty which sometimes produces the stroke, the movement, the goal, the try, which we can tell our grandchildren about.

The inspired try, by Guscott, like Peter Jackson's against Australia, in the final minutes once more, in 1958, will live in the memory.The unorthodoxy of Campese, like Serge Blanco, quickens the pulse rate and adds so much to the pleasure of the spectator.

Past years had their legends; Stanley Matthews, Joe Louis, Denis Compton, Keith Miller, Peter Jackson, Barry John, Tony O'Reilly. They, too, had their "bad moments" but over-compensated with hours of sheer genius their memory still evoke in those privileged to say, like Max Boyce, "I was there!"

Yours faithfully,
Keith Wood,
Bridge Road,
East Molesey,
Surrey.

True champions

From K. D. Spivey

Sir, The Open Championship affords, to my mind, a unique opportunity to be a true championship by only awarding the accolade of champion to an outright winner after 72 holes. When more than one player is equal after four rounds then the award should be shared and the winners known as *joint holders* not *champions*.

In my opinion if one player is unable to stand above all others after 72 holes he is not a champion. Far too much weight is given to producing, by contrived and arbitrary forms of play-off, an outright winner of the championship. Let this one championship stand, in its rightful place, above all others.

Yours sincerely,
K. D. SPIVEY,
Beaumont Rise,
Marlow, Bucks.

Not such a bad job

From Dr and Mrs M. D. W. Tozer

Dear Sir, Gold medals for the hockey players in Seoul; victory in the Australian Tests for the Lions; and now rich glory for British athletes in the European Cup: perhaps, after all, school physical education is not doing such a bad job for team sports.

"Well done, and keep up the good work" must be the end of year report on the teachers — and, Oh yes, "do try and do something about the cricket."

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM TOZER,
4 The Quay,
Portscatho,
Cornwall.

Disappointed

From Mr Kim Washington

Dear Sir, I always read your columnist Simon Barnes, partly because he is very readable, and partly because he always gives the impression that he knows what he is talking about. I was diappointed, therefore, to read his end column of August 2, where he *comments on* the forthcoming "rebel" tour to South Africa.

His attack against the "rebels" and South African cricket (and by inference, South Africa as a country) is, I suppose, only reflective of what is reported elsewhere in the media, and as with most that is written about South Africa, presents an unbalanced impression. He states, amongst other things, that the tour is already a failure because of the absence of the top men, Gower and Botham.

This misses the point by miles. Regardless of whether one looks upon Gower and Botham as the top men of English cricket, the whole point is that there is a tour in the first place.

The SACU, as much as anyone in South Africa, do not pretend that the situation there is normal and by staging "Test" matches against "rebel" tourists, be they English or West Indian, are not trying to give people in this country that illusion.

What they are trying to do, it seems to me, is something positive for their country in the best way they know how — by fostering an interest in cricket throughout the land.

The undeniably great strides made by the SACU to make cricket available to people of all backgrounds can only be furthered by sustaining interest in the sport, and the most effective way of doing that is to invite touring parties.

The excitement and interest engendered by the prospect of seeing overseas players in action is huge and is enjoyed by all in South Africa who watch and play cricket. The *eventual* knock-on effect is to bring more people of all races together playing cricket and as this happens, better will become the understanding of each other as people.

It seems all too easy for those in this country who have ready access to air their views via the media to sit in judgement of an entire country without apparently having all the facts to hand.

I applaud the "rebels" for exercising their right to earn a living honestly, and I am sure they will come back with an enlightened and very different picture of South Africa than that which is portrayed in the media in this country.

Yours sincerely,

KIM WASHINGTON,

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Cheltenham,

Gloucestershire.

From Philip Middleton

Sir, What a sour little article from Simon Barnes this morning: "Second-raters, has-beens and never-wozzers"? Perhaps Mr Barnes knows English cricketes far better than I do.

But if these 16 men are all those things (and the results of the past few Tests tend to support this view) where are the 11 men of real talent who are not making the journey to South Africa?

South Africa is paying for and getting a team as good as any that England can provide today, and Mr Barnes's disapproval of South Africa and what he suspects are the motives of the players *shouldn't cloud his* judgement.

As for the rest of his article, it's still difficult for me and many other people to comprehend the qualitative difference between playing South Africa and playing any other non-democratic, repressively ruled country. Perhaps Mr Barnes could explain.

Yours etc.

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RUGBY UNION

Lack of flair displayed by Oxbridge

Christchurch (AFP) — A combined Oxford and Cambridge universities side displayed little of its traditional flair when it was beaten 19-16 here yesterday by a South Island Universities side.

While the South Island's strength lay in their backs, Oxbridge almost completely dominated the lineouts through MacDonald and Egan but Sutton, the stand-off, opted to kick away much of the possession.

Oxbridge had a nine-point lead after 17 minutes but gradually the South Island pack warmed to its task and by half-time looked in control.

The best effort came late in the game when Dempster outstripped the opposition in a run of over 30 metres.

SCORERS: South Island: Tries: Salver, Henning, Dempster; Penalty: Dempster; Conversions: Dempster (2). Oxbridge: Try: Cook; Penalties: Sutton (4).

● Coventry, rebuilding for the coming season, finished their five-match tour of Canada with four wins and a defeat. Their best victories were over Eastern Ontario 23-9 and Ontario 36-26.

DRUGS IN SPORT

Queensland to act on steroids

Brisbane (*Reuter*) — Queensland plans to make it a criminal offence for sportsmen to take anabolic steroids, the state Health Minister, Ivan Gibbs, said yesterday.

"It is apparent that some athletes in Queensland are using anabolic steroids . . . to boost performance," Gibbs said in a statement outlining proposed legislation. "This is an unethical and dangerous practice which should feel the full weight of the law."

Ishtihaar can make experience count

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

As is so often the case at Salisbury, it is the races for two-year-olds which will generate the most interest there today.

This is underlined by the Whitchurch Stakes, in which **Ishtihaar** can prove too strong for two interesting newcomers, Digression, by Seattle Slew, and Smokey Native, a son of Our Native.

Ishtihaar, trained by Dick Hern, has already gained what may prove to be an advantage in terms of experience. First time out he finished third behind Crystal Beam and Batzushka, a promising performance as he became unbalanced after being carried wide turning into the straight.

Next time out he did even better when running Sober Mind to a length in the Donnington Castle Stakes.

Significantly, the first two drew well clear of the remainder that day, headed by the Coventry Stakes fifth Prince Jakatom.

I will be surprised if either Front Line Romance or Gotcher, the two fillies who have won already, prove capable of giving weight to Ishtihaar, whose fluent action is likely to be well suited by both today's course and distance.

A good run by Front Line Romance, though, will point to Paul Kelleway's **Platinum Dancer** being capable of landing my nap in the *Racing Post* Maiden Auction Series Stakes half an hour later.

When they made their debut in the same race at Newmarket last month, they finished fifth and sixth respectively behind Ozone Friendly, Moon Cactus, Line Of Thunder and Royal Archive.

Ozone Friendly has since won the Prix Robert Papin at Maison Laffitte while Moon Cactus and Line Of Thunder have scored in fine style at Newmarket and Yarmouth respectively.

With Platinum Dancer also running well at Goodwood, where she was runner-up to Zawahir in the New Ham Stakes, that form has a very solid look about it.

Paul Kelleway: trains Platinum Dancer (Salisbury, 4.0)

My impression of this year's New Ham Stakes was that it was better than average, and I also felt that Platinum Dancer did not quite last home over seven furlongs, as one might expect of a daughter of Petorious.

She should be in her element over the shorter distance today, when her most obvious danger is Applianceofscience, who also acquitted himself well at Goodwood when third in the race won by Book The Band.

The Upavon EBF Fillies' Stakes looks at the mercy of **Wrapping**, who has been placed in the Oaks Trial at Lingfield, the Italian Oaks and the Lancashire Oaks, while the Amesbury EBF Stakes should be a deserved consolation prize for **Serious Trouble**, a head second to Safawan in the Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood.

After riding at Salisbury, Pat Eddery will fly north to Catterick to partner Khalid Abdulla's well-bred two-year-old filly **Revoke** in the Wise Speke Maiden Fillies' Stakes. She need not even improve on her Goodwood third behind Thehool to have this sewn up.

Far Glow should also justify Greville Starkey's journey there by winning the Farmcare Maiden Stakes.

Hunter's win a dream come true

By Graham Rock

When the nation's apprentices dream, it is of riding their first winner and beating one of their idols in a photo-finish.

At Salisbury yesterday, Jason Hunter, aged 17, who joined David Elsworth 18 months ago, brought Young Turpin with a late run on the outside of the field to beat Steve Cauthen and Toxotis by a short head for the Leading Financial Services Handicap.

What was impressive in this first victory was Hunter's cool. Given firm instructions by Elsworth to work his way to the far rail from an outside draw, that plan had to be abandoned as his path was blocked.

Easing off until past half-way, Hunter switched the ninth ride of his career to the outside and Young Turpin, taking hold of his bridle, shot home to deprive Toxotis of victory in the final stride.

He succeeded where Rouse, Eddery and Cauthen, too, had failed earlier this season in getting Young Turpin home and the American jockey congratulated Hunter as the pair pulled up.

David Elsworth praised his apprentice's aplomb, but does not want him to fly too high too soon. He predicts a bright future for Hunter, provided his career is sensibly managed.

Cauthen and Elsworth later united to complete a double for the Whitsbury trainer when Summer Fashion quickened from last to first to beat Fast Chick by two lengths in the Isle of Wight Sunshine Handicap, the pair confirming their form at Goodwood in June to the ounce.

Summer Fashion is a half-sister to Amelianne, and Elsworth said that his easy Goodwood winner would next contest either a race at York or a group two event in France.

Potentially the best horse on view was Galactic Scheme, a good-looking American-bred colt who made a successful debut in the Horton Building Group Maiden Stakes.

The opposition was ordinary but Galactic Scheme, gambled on from 3-1 to 6-4, showed eye-catching speed to take the lead after half-way and won convincingly in the colours of Rock City's owner, Tony Budge, who celebrated his fiftieth birthday yesterday.

Trainer Richard Hannon was impressed. "This is the first time the horse has been on grass," he said. "I promise you, he'll improve a stone for this and should make a lovely three-year-old. It is the way he picks up and quickens."

Galactic Scheme is entered in the Gimcrack Stakes but will run only if Rock City is an absentee. The handsome bay, bought for $185,000 at the Breeze-Up Sales in Calder, Florida, in February will probably now run in the group two Moet & Chandon Rennen at Baden-Baden three weeks tomorrow.

Hannon's African Chief walked over in the Leading Leisure Stakes, maintaining the good fortune of owners Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds, while the result of the Norfolk Royale Hotel Handicap brought a rare coincidence when Spanish Heart won in the colours of John Hobbhouse's company, Avon Industries, the same owner having landed the corresponding event a year ago with Gilderdale.

Official figures confirm growth in popularity

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Point-to-pointing continues to enjoy a sustained expansion, according to Jockey Club statistics published yesterday.

The 1989 point-to-point season showed a record 4,019 horses qualified to race and more entries than ever before, although the total of runners during the season fell 12 short of the 1988 record. The reason for fewer runners is that seven meetings were abandoned last season compared with the previous year's three.

The analysis of runners by race type, the reason for non-finishing and the cause of local stewards' inquiries shows remarkable consistency. However, in their presentation they do little to help in the planning of programmes.

It would appear that the average number of runners in a restricted open race is 11.53. As that does not take into account divisions, this is a meaningless figure.

If 21 runners were declared when the safety factor was 20, then 11 and 10 would be fed into the computer. Had one less runner been declared the figure *would have been 20.*

There is thus an overall error of almost 50 per cent and, even if the correct figure had been shown, this would have been too broad to give useful guidelines.

Heinz has strong field

There were 13 four-day declarations, six from English stables, yesterday for the Ir£200,000 Heinz '57' Phoenix Stakes over six furlongs at Phoenix Park on Sunday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Contract Law, trained by William Jarvis, and Peter Hudson's Pharaoh's Delight are certain to be at the head of the betting market.

The Vincent O'Brien-trained Wedding Bouquet looks the best of the home contingent.

HEINZ '57' STAKES (13 four-day acceptors): Contract Law, Duck And Dive, Gift Note, Never Wrong, Poke The Fire, Red Henry, Aminata, Needy Thatch, Pharaoh's Delight, Princess Taufan, Regal Peace, Tanwi, Wedding Bouquet.

● Horn Dance, trained by Guy Harwood, is the new 6-1 favourite with Hills for the Ebor Handicap at York on August 23.

SALISBURY

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Vanishing Spirit.
2.30 Wrapping.
3.00 Simply Swell.
3.30 Ishtihaar.
4.00 PLATINUM DANCER (nap).
4.30 Serious Trouble.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Briery Fille.
2.30 Familiar.
3.00 —
3.30 Front Line Romance.
4.00 Platinum Dancer.
4.30 Serious Trouble.

By Michael Seely
2.30 Wrapping. 3.30 Ishtihaar.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 WRAPPING.

Going: firm **Draw: 6f, high numbers best**

2.0 NETTON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,574: 1m) (14 runners)

1 (1) 1-02304 PONIARD 55 (D,F) (G Harwood) G Harwood 4-10-0 ...... G O'Neill (5) 96
2 (12) 0-040 CHANGE WEAR 54 (Change Wear Ltd) K Brassey 5-9-11 ...... Kim McDonnell (3) 95
3 (5) 230461 VANISHING SPIRIT 10 (D,F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-11 (5ex) ...... A Mends (3) 95
4 (8) 000500 BRIERY FILLE 33 (S) (C Linney) R Williams 4-9-8 ...... Alison Harper 96
5 (10) 040-200 COURT TOWN 19 (CD,F,G) (H Hopgood) R Hannon 5-9-5 ...... R Perham 93
6 (9) 50-0056 MANOUSHKA 12 (Crisptread Ltd) P Butler 4-8-4 ...... A Tucker (3) 95
7 (6) 016300 GREAT GUSTO 8 (D,F) (T Jennings) D Thom 3-8-3 ...... R Price 93
8 (3) 000600 MELODY LANE 10 (V,D,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 4-8-2 ...... C Hodgson 95
9 (14) 420400 CONCERT PITCH 9 (D,F,G,S) (Bryn Palling Limited) B Palling 10-8-2 ...... S Davies (3) ● 99
10 (13) 20-0036 IRISH DITTY 35 (G Pritchard-Gordon) R Smyth 3-8-1 ...... A Martinez (3) 96
11 (7) 0000/0-0 WISE TIMES 22 (Adapt (80) Ltd) D Elsworth 5-8-0 ...... J Hunter (5) —
12 (4) 40-000U WEEK ST MARY 19 (C Hill) C Hill 3-7-8 ...... A Garth (5) —
13 (11) 040446 DEEP TAW 14 (F) (C Hill) C Hill 5-7-7 ...... D Thompson (5) 96
14 (2) 0/00 BLONDE BELLA 55 (Miss I Ritchie) N Mitchell 4-7-7 ...... L Newton (3) —

Long handicap: Deep Taw 7-6, Blonde Bella 7-3.

BETTING: 11-4 Vanishing Spirit, 4-1 Poniard, Court Town, 6-1 Manoushka, Concert Pitch, 10-1 Irish Ditty, 12-1 others.

1988: ICE CHOCOLATE 4-8-7 J Swift (6-1) Miss B Sanders 16 ran

FORM VANISHING SPIRIT, successful twice in sellers, won an apprentice handicap at Folkestone (7f, firm) beating Mallas by ½l. She is not certain to be as effective over this stiffer trip. COURT TOWN faced a stiff task at the weights when a respectable 19l 7th to Sharazari in an 18-runner ladies race at Ascot (1m, good to firm).

MANOUSHKA was slowly away at Windsor (1m 70yd, firm) when making some late headway to finish a 14¾l 6th of 15 to Hogan's Run in a seller. Has a fair chance at these weights.

GREAT GUSTO won at Ripon (1m 4f 70yd, firm); latest lost touch close home when beaten over 7l into 9th behind Frank Harris at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good to firm).

CONCERT PITCH had PONIARD (1lb worse off) 3¾l away in 4th and COURT TOWN (1lb worse off) a further 5¾l back in 8th when a 2l 2nd to Maiden Bidder at Chepstow (7f, firm). Has been well beaten on subsequent outings and is not certain to confirm placings with PONIARD who was running on towards the finish that day.

IRISH DITTY put in a good effort when beaten 1¾l by the useful Storm Force in a competitive Lingfield (1m 2f, firm) handicap on penultimate outing; latest 7l 6th to Palace Rebel at Brighton (1m 2f, hard).

Selection: IRISH DITTY

2.30 UPAVON EBF FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,347: 1m 2f) (4 runners)

1 (3) 321 POWER TAKE OFF 21 (F) (Mrs B Skinner) D Elsworth 9-0 ...... W Carson 67
2 (2) 6513 FAMILIAR 13 (G) (Mrs J Chandler) H Cecil 8-8 ...... S Cauthen 77
3 (1) 32-415 FLAMINGO POND 26 (D,F) (R Dee) J Tree 8-8 ...... Pat Eddery 83
4 (4) 2223 WRAPPING 33 (Sheikh Mohammed) P Cole 8-8 ...... T Quinn ● 99

BETTING: 8-11 Wrapping, 11-4 Flamingo Pond, 4-1 Familiar, 8-1 Power Take Off.

1988: RUMOOSH 8-12 W R Swinburn (9-4) M Stoute 5 ran

FORM POWER TAKE OFF ran on well to beat Mountain Bluebird by 2l at Sandown (1m, good to firm). FAMILIAR faced a difficult task when trying to give the useful Guest Artiste 4lb at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) finishing 3rd beaten 4½l; earlier kept on well to beat Triode by ¾l at Yarmouth (1m, good). She should appreciate the step up in distance.

FLAMINGO POND'S saddle slipped when last of 5 behind Citidancer at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm); earlier beat Roblet 2l at Windsor (1m 2f 22yd, good to firm).

WRAPPING, has run some excellent races in defeat this term, drops back in distance after finishing a 3l 3rd to Roseate Tern in the group III Lancashire Oaks at Haydock (1m 4f, good to soft).

Selection: WRAPPING

3.0 VIOLET APPLIN CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £2,637: 1m 6f) (9 runners)

1 (5) 0-552 CHARDEN 14 (C Drake) D Elsworth 3-8-10 ...... S Cauthen 93
2 (7) 0/00-055 BLENDERS CHOICE 12 (F) (M O'Connor) J King 7-9-4 ...... A McGlone 93
3 (6) 303422 SIMPLY SWELL 7 (B) (Mrs M Watt) John FitzGerald 3-9-2 ...... R Hills 96
4 (3) 0-04455 VASSAL 17 (B) (Mrs M Clark) H Candy 4-8-11 ...... W Newnes 97
5 (2) 000635 LITTLETON LULLABY 3 (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 4-8-9 ...... S Dawson 94
6 (9) 042 MOMENTS JOY 17 (M Morrison) J Hills 3-8-5 ...... W Carson 90
7 (8) 00-0633 ACROW LINE 17 (J Fox) J Fox 4-7-9 ...... L Newton (7) ● 99
8 (4) 000451 SHOE TAPPER 17 (F) (Mrs N Duffield) L Cottrell 3-7-7 ...... N Adams 96
9 (1) 00600/ HEAD OF DEFENCE 686 (J Criddle) B Palling 4-7-7 ...... J Carter —

Long handicap: Shoe Tapper 7-6, Head Of Defence 7-4.

BETTING: 11-4 Simply Swell, 7-2 Charden, Vassal, 4-1 Moments Joy, 9-2 Shoe Tapper, 8-1 Acrow Line, 16-1 others.

1988: FIRE ROCKET 5-7-11 W Carson (9-2) P Bailey 12 ran

FORM CHARDEN 8l 2nd to the easy winner Dimmer at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). SIMPLY SWELL was caught close home when a 4l 2nd to Holy Zeal at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm) with VASSAL (4lb better off) 1½l away in 3rd. MOMENTS JOY could make no impression when a 7l 2nd to Esprit De Femme at Bath (1m 3f 150yd, hard). SHOE TAPPER had ACROW LINE (11lb better off) 15l away in 3rd when beating Windbound Lass by 1½l at Bath (1m 5f 12yd, hard). He can confirm the placings today.

Selection: VASSAL

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ...... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 WHITCHURCH STAKES (£2-Y-O: £5,952: 7f) (8 runners)

1 (5) 13 ARBITRAGEUR 27 (F) (R Jones) E Owen jun 9-0 ...... S Keightley 84
2 (2) 61 FRONT LINE ROMANCE 15 (D,F) (J Sung) M Jarvis 8-9 ...... B Raymond 80
3 (6) 1 GOTCHER 19 (F) (P Stapleton) W Carter 8-9 ...... M Wigham 84
4 (3) 3253 BALLA COVE 28 (J Ellis) R Boss 8-7 ...... S Cauthen 95
5 (7) 5 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 36 (Mrs C Wood) K Cunningham-Brown 8-7 ... S Whitworth —
6 (1) DIGRESSION (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-7 ...... Pat Eddery —
7 (8) 32 ISHTIHAAR 26 (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-7 ...... W Carson ● 99
8 (4) SMOKEY NATIVE (J Robb) C Nelson 8-7 ...... J Reid —

BETTING: 10-11 Ishtihaar, 5-2 Digression, 6-1 Gotcher, 8-1 Front Line Romance, 10-1 Arbitrageur, 12-1 others.

1988: TATSFIELD 9-2 Pat Eddery (7-2) J Tree 5 ran

FORM ARBITRAGEUR won a poorly contested event at Pontefract (6f, good to firm) defeating Oyston's World 5l on debut; latest 4l last of 3 to Dearik at Chester (7f, good to firm). FRONT LINE ROMANCE confirmed the promise of Newmarket debut when subsequently defeating Tears Of Happiness an easy ¾l at Redcar (7f, firm). GOTCHER despite running green made a winning debut at Lingfield (6f, firm) defeating Marasol 3l.

BALLA COVE returned a fine performance in listed event at Newmarket (7f, good) finishing 5½l 3rd to Be My Chief.

DIGRESSION by Seattle Slew out of a dam who won from 5f to 1m in the States. ISHTIHAAR, has shown a fair amount of ability on both his starts, latest at Newbury (7f, good to firm) finished 1l 2nd to Sober Mind.

Selection: ISHTIHAAR

4.0 RACING POST MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,763: 6f) (16 runners)

1 (5) 33 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 13 (Thompson Cook Ltd) D Arbuthnot 8-10 ... Pat Eddery ● 99
2 (3) 4 LEENAN BAY 94 (D Gallyer) R Hannon 8-10 ...... W Carson 83
3 (13) 024 ALBEDO 8 (Mrs J Regler) R Hannon 8-8 ...... B Rouse 89
4 () 52 PLATINUM DANCER 16 (Platinum Racing) P Kelleway 8-8 ...... S Cauthen 98
5 (2) 03 BINGO BONGO 8 (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-8 ...... S Whitworth 92
6 (6) MOVING FORCE (H Frost) D Elsworth 8-5 ...... J Williams —
7 (8) SOLO COURT (Mrs G Willey) Dr J Scargill 8-5 ...... W Newnes —
8 (4) 504 COLSAN BOY 10 (B) (Mrs S Stovold) M Usher 8-4 ...... M Wigham 81
9 (15) 2 NICQUITA 24 (White Horse Racing Ltd) M Usher 8-4 ...... J Carter 92
10 (14) 0 GORDANO 15 (B Symonds) R Holder 8-3 ...... A Proud —
11 (12) ORLEANS GIRL (Nationcrest Plc) R Smyth 8-1 ...... T Williams —
12 (7) 04 BUFFS EXPRESS 33 (Mrs R Newton) W Wightman 8-0 ...... N Adams 85
13 (16) 0 CHILTERNS 38 (M Turner) D Marks 8-0 ...... G Duffield —
14 (1) SAVO (Sir G Meyrick) P Cole 7-13 ...... NON-RUNNER —
15 (9) 0 SLIP-A-SNIP 43 (Whitcombe Manor Racing) N Mitchell 7-13 ...... S Dawson —
16 (11) 033 NIGHT FOLLOWS DAY 17 (Brook Land) D Arbuthnot 7-12 ...... C Rutter 78

BETTING: 11-4 Platinum Dancer, 3-1 Applianceofscience, 9-2 Nicquita, 8-1 Albedo, Bingo Bongo, 10-1 Night Follows Day, 12-1 others.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE ran well in defeat in a Goodwood maiden (6f, firm) finishing 3¾l 3rd to Book The Band. PLATINUM DANCER could not match the pace of winner inside final 2f when finishing 2½l 2nd to Zawahirt in Goodwood maiden (7f, firm).

BINGO BONGO was unable to quicken inside the final furlong in similar event at Brighton (6f, hard) finishing 1l 3rd to Simply Blue with ALBEDO (same terms) 2½l 4th. MOVING FORCE, by Muscatite, is the second foal of an Irish juvenile 9f winner.

NICQUITA made an encouraging debut in a Windsor maiden (5f, good to firm) last month finishing 1l 2nd to Daswl. BUFFS EXPRESS made some headway from 2f out in a similar event at Bath (5f 167yd, good to firm) finishing 7½l 4th to Access Leisure with ALBEDO a never dangerous 8th.

Selection: PLATINUM DANCER (nap)

4.30 AMESBURY STAKES (£3,766: 1m) (3 runners)

1 (2) 511222 SERIOUS TROUBLE 14 (F,G) (G Moore) M Prescott 3-9-0 ...... G Duffield ● 99
2 (1) 1004-30 BRYANT 27 (G) (R E A Bott (Wigmore St) Ltd) C Nelson 3-8-11 ...... J Reid 86
3 (3) 413-2 ROYAL ASSIGNMENT 9 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-11 ...... P Cook 71

BETTING: 4-7 Serious Trouble, 5-2 Royal Assignment, 4-1 Bryant.

1988: JOHNS JOY 8-11 W Carson (4-1) D Elsworth 6 ran

FORM SERIOUS TROUBLE ran on inside the final furlong to finish 1l 2nd to Sharazari on his penultimate start in a competitive ladies event at Ascot (1m, good to firm); latest finished an excellent hd 2nd to Safawan in the Schweppes Golden Mile handicap at Goodwood (1m, firm).

BRYANT has disappointed since making a satisfactory reappearance in Kempton handicap (1m, good to firm) when 1¾l 3rd to Shadow Boxer.

ROYAL ASSIGNMENT, winner of a Tipperary maiden (7f, yielding) last season, never made any impression on easy 10l winner Kefaah on his reappearance at Brighton (1m, hard) in 2-runner contest.

Selection: SERIOUS TROUBLE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Tree	13	51	25.5
G Harwood	26	102	25.5
M Jarvis	3	17	17.6
P Cole	14	97	14.4

(Only qualifiers)

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	34	140	24.3
S Cauthen	17	88	19.3
B Raymond	5	28	17.9
R Cochrane	9	68	13.2
W Carson	18	138	13.0
M Wigham	6	50	12.0

(Not including yesterday's results)

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Cloud Chaser.
2.45 Tiarum.
3.15 Walnut Way.
3.45 Avionne.
4.15 Foot Stick.
4.45 Shadeux.

Going: firm (watering)

2.15 WALLABROOK NOVICES HURDLE (£1,562: 2m 150yd) (10 runners)

1 00652-4 CLOUD CHASER 7 (V) (Mrs C Hayton) B Forsey 5-11-3 ...... C Llewellyn 80
2 DENNING (C Pester) Mrs J Wonnacott 7-11-3 ...... D Wonnacott —
3 0-0 LINEBACKER 12 (L Naylor) M Chapman 5-11-3 ...... R Fahey (3) —
4 006064- GUARENA 89 (Mrs A Holly) D Holly 4-11-0 ...... C Evans ● 99
5 0- HELLOVASTATE 302 (Mrs G Gaisford) D Barons 4-11-0 ...... N Hawke (5) —
6 503405- POMATUM 104F (M Smith) J Bosley 4-11-0 ...... M Bosley 97
7 REGAL TIGER 482F (Miss J Thorne) Miss J Thorne 4-11-0 ...... N Dawe —
8 006052- SILVER ARCH 10F (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 4-11-0 ...... Gary Lyons (7) 72
9 BIT OF A CASE (Miss J Earle) K Bishop 7-10-12 ...... S Earle —
10 BALIGAY 17F (E Carnell) R Hodges 4-10-9 ...... W Irvine (3) —

BETTING: 2-1 Cloud Chaser, 11-4 Guarena, 9-2 Pomatum, 6-1 Silver Arch, 12-1 Bit Of A Case, Linebacker, 16-1 others.

1988: OTHET 4-11-0 Lorna Vincent (9-4) M Usher 9 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Pipe	96	313	30.7
J Ffitch-Heyes	3	15	20.0
J Davies	3	16	18.8
D Murray Smith	3	16	18.8
W Clay	3	20	15.0
I Wardle	7	60	11.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Scudamore	57	146	39.0
N Hawke	4	21	19.0
N Coleman	14	97	14.4
A Webb	6	50	12.0
S Smith Eccles	7	59	11.9
D Morris	8	77	10.4

2.45 AVON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,604: 2m 150yd) (8 runners)

1 2133/6-4 BROWN BEAR BOY 5 (D,F) (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 7-12-0 ...... S Smith Eccles 96
2 040254- HOME COMMAND 73 (CD,F,G) (S Martin) J Bradley 9-11-7 ...... G Davies 93
3 0104- VALTAKI 90 (S) (R Payne) J Baker 4-11-0 ...... W McFarland (5) 96
4 00300-0 COMTEC PRINCE 7 (CD,G,S) (D Sullivan) B Forsey 7-10-9 ...... N Coleman ● 99
5 04P33-3 BORVACALL 7 (Mrs E Grainey) W G Turner 5-10-3 ...... Lorna Vincent 95
6 05P00-2 TIARUM 5 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Hutchings) G Ham 7-10-2 ...... B Powell 98
7 00FU0-6 MASTER MARTIN 7 (S Pitts) W Williams 11-10-0 ...... N Dawe —
8 3/240U-F CONNAUGHT BROADS 12 (B Baker) M Charles 6-10-0 ...... W Hayes (5) 94

Long handicap: Master Martin 9-13, Connaught Broads 9-8.

BETTING: 15-8 Valtaki, 3-1 Brown Bear Boy, 6-1 Home Command, 12-1 Borvacall, 16-1 Comtec Prince, Connaught Broads, 20-1 Master Martin.

1988: MAINTOWN 7-11-0 P Scudamore (7-2) M Pipe 9 ran

3.15 TORRIDGE NOVICES CHASE (£2,276: 2m 5f) (9 runners)

1 000006- DANNY'S LUCK 86 (F,G) (P Holden) D Barons 7-11-4 ...... N Hawke (5) ● 99
2 312F/P-U JUST BLAKE 5 (F,G) (Mrs D Beer) J Roberts 8-11-4 ...... B Dowling —
3 P/36P0-4 LEPUS 16 (W G Turner) W G Turner 8-11-4 ...... Mr Meade (7) —
4 U060/ TURNBERRY DAWN 464 (Palladium Ltd) T Hallett 7-11-4 ...... D Morris —
5 40030-R ROSOGLIO 8 (B) (Beaconsfield Developments) P Hobbs 5-11-0 ...... B Wright —
6 35860-6 CRIMSON LADY 12 (J Staddon) P Rodford 8-10-13 ...... S Earle 95
7 00P0P0- RANDOM WIND 73 (F,G,S) (Whitcombe Ltd) N Mitchell 8-10-13 ...... A Tory (5) —
8 P/P- WALNUT WAY 177 (Mrs J Robshaw) M Pipe 10-10-13 ...... P Scudamore —
9 3P6025- WORTHY LIGHT 189 (R Taylor) C Tristine 8-10-13 ...... B Powell 98

BETTING: 5-2 Worthy Light, 7-2 Danny's Luck, 9-2 Lepus, 13-2 Random Wind, 8-1 Walnut Way, 12-1 Crimson Lady, 14-1 Rosoglio, 20-1 Just Blake, 33-1 Turnberry Dawn.

1988: BIG PADDY TOM 7-11-9 P Scudamore (2-7 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

3.45 GEORGE FARNDON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,484: 2m 150yd) (7 runners)

1 32121-1 AVIONNE 8 (CD,F,S) (D Barlow) M Pipe 4-12-3 (7ex) ...... P Scudamore 98
2 UF0123- THE BRICHIN 73 (CD,F) (Winterbourne Ltd) L Corbett 8-11-5 ...... N Mann (7) 96
3 800- DAWN LOVE 8F (C Owens) R Hollinshead 8-11-2 ...... Gary Lyons (7) —
4 2UF21-4 EXPEDITIOUS 10 (F,G) (G Taylor-Webber) T Hallett 9-11-1 ...... A Webb —
5 225/P-65 SMILING BEAR 5 (V,F) (L Naylor) M Chapman 8-10-12 ...... R Fahey (3) —
6 4/F86F- UNDER THE STARS 73 (B,F) (R Hodges) R Hodges 7-10-4 ...... Mr C Meade (7) —
7 6F046/1 SAKR 10 (CD,F) (C Pester) Mrs J Wonnacott 7-10-0 (7ex) ...... D Wonnacott ● 99

Long handicap: Sakr 9-6.

BETTING: 5-4 Avionne, 2-1 Sakr, 11-2 The Brichin, 8-1 Expeditious, 16-1 Smiling Bear, 33-1 others.

1988: ARGES 7-10-13 B Powell (8-1) C Popham 7 ran

4.15 PINE LODGE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap Chase: £2,586: 3m 2f 100yd) (4 runners)

1 P6U/1-21 FOOT STICK 8 (D,F) (Mrs T Pritchard) R Dickin 13-12-2 (7ex) ...... Dr P Pritchard 97
2 522/135- JOIST 68 (CD,F,G) (T Butler) Mrs J Wonnacott 7-11-10 ...... D Wonnacott 98
3 P/F322- FEROCIOUS KNIGHT 85 (F,G) (Miss J Thorne) Miss J Thorne 10-11-9 ...... N Dawe ● 99
4 45350/2 HOUNSTOUT 8 (BF,F) (B Langdon) T Hallett 9-10-2 ...... D Morris 80

BETTING: 11-8 Foot Stick, 7-4 Hounstout, 9-2 Joist, 11-2 Ferocious Knight.

1988: AFRICAN STAR 10-11-2 P Scudamore (13-8 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

4.45 KNOWLES HILL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,436: 2m 150yd) (4 runners)

1 HEIGHT O'BATTLE 27F (Mrs J Shone) Mrs S Oliver 10-7 ...... R Hyett —
2 RED BREWSTER 22F (D Cooper) Mrs A Knight 10-7 ...... G Knight —
3 SHADEUX 69F (J Billington) M Pipe 10-7 ...... P Scudamore —
4 FLORIDA ISLAND 460F (O Stokes) W G M Turner 10-2 ...... P Holley (5) —

BETTING: 4-7 Shadeux, 7-2 Height O'Battle, 6-1 Florida Island, 8-1 Red Brewster.

1988: HI-HANNAH 3-10-2 P Scudamore (8-13 fav) M Pipe 8 ran

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CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin
6.0 Hot Performer. 6.30 Far Glow. 6.55 Sharp Anne. 7.20 Sharp Steven. 7.50 Revoke. 8.20 Les Tamaris.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
6.0 Kristin's Light. 6.30 Phanan. 7.20 Whisper The Wind. 7.50 All Fired Up. 8.20 LES TAMARIS (nap).

Going: good to firm
Draw: 5f-7f, low numbers best

6.0 CROSSWAYS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,559: 7f) (14 runners)

1 BALLINAGAR M Prescott 8-11 ...... C Nutter 8
2 006 BOLD STREET BLUES 47 C Tinkler 8-11 ... K Darley 12
3 5020 MUMMY'S FOX 8 C Allen 8-11 ...... R Morse (5) 5
4 0022 MYLORDMAYOR 13 (BF) Ronald Thompson 8-11 ...... P Burke (5) 3
5 00 AVONSIDE 30 S Muldoon 8-6 ...... J H Brown 6
6 0 BELDALE LADY 16 W Haigh 8-6 ...... J Carr (5) 10
7 BRACKEN BAY R Whitaker 8-6 ...... K Bradshaw 14
8 6 DUNMOUNIN 10 W Bentley 8-6 ...... — 13
9 0 DUXFORD LODGE 8 J Bottomley 8-6 ...... S Webster 7
10 6213 HOT PERFORMER 16 (CD,F) T Fairhurst 8-6 ...... N Connorton 9
11 1080 KRISTIN'S LIGHT 8 (D,F) R Stubbs 8-6 ... W Cabill (7) 2
12 01 LABEKA LAO 13 (D,F) J Berry 8-6 ...... J Carroll 1
13 6 PRECIOUS GEM 58 B Gubby 8-6 ... Dean McKeown 11
14 0 SONG OF GYMCRAK 103 M H Easterby 8-6 .. M Birch 4

9-4 Hot Performer, 3-1 Labeka Lao, 4-1 Mylordmayor, 7-1 Song Of Gymcrack, 8-1 others.

6.30 FARMCARE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £1,920: 1m 4f 40yd) (6)

1 3 CIRCUIT RING 22 P Calver 9-0 ...... S Perks 3
2 46 FAR GLOW 26 (BF) G Harwood 9-0 ...... G Starkey 2
3 3322 PHANAN 12 F Durr 9-0 ...... M Birch 6
4 5 STAR STORM 17 N Callaghan 9-0 ...... L Dettori 5
5 0 DANAX 35 M Jarvis 8-11 ...... P Bloomfield 1
6 24 FORESHADOWING 57 (BF) J Watts 8-11 ...... Dean McKeown 4

2-1 Far Glow, 9-4 Phanan, 7-2 Foreshadowing, 9-2 Circuit Ring, 10-1 others.

6.55 BASS & TENNENT SALES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,385: 6f) (7)

1 2913 SHARP ANNE 23 (D,F,G) J Berry 9-7 ...... J Carroll 5
2 0126 VERMONT 31 (F) Ronald Thompson 8-11 .. R P Elliott 7
3 443 MACS MAHARANEE 31 P Felgate 8-2 ...... W Ryan 1
4 2401 CRISPY DUCK 21 (V,D,F,G) C Tinkler 8-2 P Burke (5) 6
5 0552 SANDMOOR JACQUARD 16 (B) M H Easterby 7-10 ...... J Lowe 3
6 0125 PUNDLES PET 9 (F) W Pearce 7-7 ...... L Charnock 2
7 405 TOSS OF THE COIN 24 D Chapman 7-7 ... S Wood (5) 4

11-4 *Macs Maharanee, 3-1 Sharp Anne, 7-2 Sandmoor* Jacquard, 4-1 Crispy Duck, 8-1 others.

7.20 PERSIMMON HOMES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,532: 6f) (12)

1 -134 BERNSTEIN BETTE 28 (D,F,S) P Felgate 9-7 ...... W Ryan 4
2 0100 BETTER NOW 18 (B,D,F) J Etherington 9-4 M Wood 2
3 2526 ANOTHER MARCH 17 (D,G) T Barron 9-3 ... K Darley 7
4 3311 SHARP STEVEN 7 (B,F) J Berry 9-3 (7ex) ... J Carroll 9
5 -624 SIDELOADER SPECIAL 10 Miss S Hall 9-0 ... M Birch 6
6 2405 WHISPER THE WIND 35 (B) R Stubbs 8-11 ...... W Cabill (7) 12
7 2100 CREEFLEUR 86 (D,S) K Brassey 8-7 ...... Pat Eddery 8
8 3050 MISCHIEVOUS TYKE 10 (D,F,G) A Smith 8-4 ...... S Webster 3
9 0-00 TORVILLE GOLD 82 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-3 ... K Fallon 1
10 0205 MY LADY MINSTREL 7 J Spearing 8-0 ... G Hind (5) 11
11 0043 CITY TO CITY 3 D Chapman 7-7 ...... S Wood (5) 10
12 0000 RUBINKA 23 D Chapman 7-7 ...... A Proud 5

7-4 Sharp Steven, 7-2 Bernstein Bette, 9-2 City To City, 5-1 Sideloader Special, 8-1 others.

7.50 WISE SPEKE MAIDEN FILLIES GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £1,920: 5f) (9)

1 3 AIR NYMPH 96 (B) M W Easterby 8-11 ... D Nicholls 1
2 ALL FIRED UP R Williams 8-11 ... David Eddery (3) 2
3 ANOTHER LANE R Whitaker 8-11 ...... K Bradshaw 5
4 503 CASTLEREA FAIR 38 J Berry 8-11 ...... J Carroll 6
5 MATCHING LINES Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 ...... Dean McKeown 7
6 55 PODRA 27 M Camacho 8-11 ...... N Connorton 4
7 3 REVOKE 12 B Hills 8-11 ...... Pat Eddery 8
8 SHOOT TO KILL Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11 ...... K Fallon 9
9 0 YOUNG INDIA 10 T Barron 8-11 ...... K Darley 3

4-9 Revoke, 6-1 Matching Lines, 8-1 Air Nymph, 10-1 All Fired Up 12-1 others.

8.20 TENNANTS OF YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (£2,385: 1m 7f 180yd) (9)

1 1002 CLEAVERS GATE 35 (B,BF,CD,F) J Watts 4-10-0 ...... N Connorton 7
2 2633 EUROCON 35 (C,G,S) T Barron 5-9-3 ...... L Charnock 8
3 4341 AUTONOMOUS 6 (F,G) D Chapman 4-9-2 (4ex) ...... K Darley 6
4 2652 CASUAL PASS 12 (S) G Richards 6-8-12 ... J Carroll 4
5 6231 VALLS D'ANDORRA 14 (F) P Makin 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 9
6 0111 MRS MEYRICK 13 (D,C,F) R Whitaker 8-8-10 ...... P Barnard (5) 1
7 5-60 PALACE JESTER 87 J Haldane 4-8-2 ...... — 5
801315 LES TAMARIS 9 (BF,F) M Prescott 3-8-2 (4ex) ...... B Lane (7) 2
9 00U0 BEAN DREAMS 29 (C,S) H Rohan 4-8-0 ...... — 3

9-4 Valls d'Andorra, 3-1 Les Tamaris, 9-2 Autonomous, 7-1 Mrs Meyrick, 8-1 Eurocon, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%; B Hills, 12 from 34, 35.3%, R Williams, 4 from 14, 28.6%; C Allen, 3 from 11, 27.3%; H Rohan, 3 from 13, 23.1%; Miss S Hall, 10 from 50, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%; L Dettori, 3 from 14, 21.4%, J Carroll, 17 from 82, 20.7%, M Birch, 33, 195, 16.9%; Dean McKeown, 11, 69, 15.9%, S Perks, 10, 80, 12.5%.

(Not including yesterday's results)

Blinkered first time

SALISBURY: 3.0 Vassal. CATTERICK BRIDGE: 7.20 Better Now. 7.50 Air Nymph.

UTTOXETER

Selections

By Mandarin
6.0 Lie In Wait. 6.30 Coral Harbour. 7.0 Temple Reef. 7.30 Prince Bubbly. 8.0 Patchouli's Pet. 8.30 Royal Effigy.

Going: firm

6.0 ELLASTONE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,618: 2m) (10 runners)

1 P0P- GRAVITY FORCE 86 J Harris 5-11-0 ...... J Harris
2 2P-2 LIE IN WAIT 10 (B,BF) P Connors 5-11-0 ...... L Wyer
3 F45- SNOW ROBIN 73 Miss G Rees 5-11-0 ... W Worthington
4 65/ TRIVET 825 J Mackie 5-11-0 ...... P Niven
5 HELLO SPARKLER 30F R Woodhouse 4-10-11 ...... R Garritty (7)
6 P-2 HIGH FINANCE 12 R Weaver 4-10-11 ...... R Dunwoody
7 24- LIFE PEERAGE 6F J Mackie 4-10-11 ...... S J O'Neill
8 3 MASONS AVENUE 5 N Tinkler 4-10-11 ...... G McCourt
9 F00- HIXON GIRL 91 W Clay 5-10-9 ...... R Bevan (7)
10 553-3 WHITEHOUSE GEM 12 (BF) Miss S Wilton 6-10-9 ...... M Dwyer

9-4 Masons Avenue, 11-4 Lie In Wait, 7-2 High Finance, 13-2 Whitehouse Gem, 9-1 Life Peerage, 12-1 Gravity Force.

6.30 WYCHNOR NOVICES CHASE (£2,156: 2m) (2)

1 45-3 CORAL HARBOUR 16 (F,G) A Barrow 7-11-2 ...... W Irvine (4)
2 422/ MISS LAWSUIT 481 (S) J White 5-10-7 ...... K Burke

1-4 Coral Harbour, 3-1 Miss Lawsuit.

7.0 RANGEMORE SELLING HURDLE (£1,464: 2m 4f) (5)

1 1-34 TEMPLE REEF 10 (B,CD,F,S) M Pipe 5-11-8 ... J Lower
2 212-4 YORKBAY 6 (F) N Tinkler 5-11-8 ...... G McCourt
3 P3P- FOREIGN KNIGHT 73 (B,F) R Juckes 5-11-2 ...... A Juckes (7)
4 32P- SORORITY 68 (B,G) Miss S Wilton 4-10-13 ... M Dwyer
5 P- HYDRO-ELECTRIC 37F (V) K Wingrove 4-10-7 ...... —

4-7 Temple Reef, 4-1 Yorkbay, 11-2 Sorority, 20-1 Foreign Knight, 33-1 Hydro-Electric.

7.30 ANSELLS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,232: 2m 4f) (4)

1 P11- WIGTOWN BAY 72 (CD,F) J Mackie 8-11-10 ... P Niven
2 32-2 PRINCE BUBBLY 12 (B,D,F,G) M Avison 8-11-5 ...... M Dwyer
3 263- DEREKS DAUGHTER 168 (D,F) R Tate 9-11-5 ...... N Smith (7)
4 14/P SOUTHERNS 154 (D,F,G) F Barton 7-11-3 ...... T Wall

6-4 Prince Bubbly, 15-8 Wigtown Bay, 3-1 Dereks Daughter, 10-1 Southerns.

8.0 ROCESTER FC CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,534: 3m) (10)

1 112- WAYWARD SINGER 68 (F,S) J Upson 6-12-0 ...... G Bohane (5)
2 6P- BLAKE RUN 103 Miss S Wilton 5-12-0 ... N Roche (5)
3 564- EARL HANSEL 72 (F,S) R Woodhouse 8-11-6 R Garritty
4 P-43 TIPTONIAN 8 (G) K Bridgwater 10-11-5 D Bridgwater (5)
5 6PP- LEAVE IT TO BALLY 73 P Bevan 8-11-4 ... S Davies (5)
6 S4-2 PATCHOULI'S PET 10 (D,F) W Morris 6-11-2 ...... A Mulholland
7 030- MIDNIGHT RUN 353 (G) R Dickin 10-11-1 ... M Jones
8 530- PALLAVICINA 73 (F) W Clay 9-10-10 ...... R Bevan (5)
9 PP5- RISK ANOTHER 89 Mrs W Tullie 8-10-5 ... C Dennis (5)
10 4-5F SLANEY PRINCE 8 (G,S) P Connors 9-10-4 ... D Byrne

5-2 Patchouli's Pet, 7-2 Wayward Singer, 9-2 Earl Hansel, 6-1 Tiptonian, 8-1 Pallavicina, 10-1 others.

8.30 STOKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,506: 2m) (9)

1 23-2 ROYAL EFFIGY 12 (D,F,G) R Weaver 6-11-10 ...... R Dunwoody
2 413- ACEFACE 73 (B,D,F,S) W Clay 4-11-6 ... R Bevan (7)
3 6P-2 PENLLYNE'S PRIDE 9 (D,G) R Juckes 8-11-5 ...... W McFarland (5)
4 43-0 CAJUN DANCER 12 J Harris 5-10-8 ...... S Turner

11-8 Royal Effigy, 2-1 Aceface, 11-4 Penllyne's Pride, 14-1 Cajun Dancer.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 10 winners from 38 runners, 26.3%; J Mackie, 5 from 21, 23.8%, Miss S Wilton, 6 from 52, 11.5%, W Clay, 17 from 153, 11.1%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: A Mulholland, 5 winners from 14 rides, 35.7%, M Dwyer, 9 from 33, 27.3%, L Wyer, 3 from 12, 25.0%, K Burke, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Lower, 3 from 13, 23.1%, G McCourt, 7 from 36, 19.4%.

Results from yesterday's afternoon meetings

Salisbury

Going: firm

2.0 (6f) 1, GALACTIC SCHEME (W Carson, 6-4 fav); 2, Transcriber (G Carter, 20-1); 3, Keramo (R Cochrane, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Ibn Sina, 5 Fyfield House (5th), 15-2 Classic Feature, 12 Copperbottom (4th), Riverbank, 16 Spanish Whisper, 20 Bifocal (6th), 33 Bradmore's Classic, Enc's Pet, Molo, Noble Brave, Lady Granville, You Know The Rules. 16 ran. ½l, hd, 6l, sh hd, 1l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £14.10, £6.10. DF: £80.70. CSF: £33.23. 1min 15.23sec. After a stewards inquiry the result stood.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, SABARAB (Pat Eddery, 1-2 fav); 2, Jadebelle (B Raymond, 3-1); 3, Crystal Heights (N Adams, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Saysuid (4th), 16 Atlantic Cedar, 20 Glen Nova (5th), 33 Town Patrol (6th). 7 ran. 3l, 6l, 4l, 6l, 4l. K Cunningham-Brown at Stockbridge. Tote: £1.50; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.55. 2min 35.26sec.

3.0 (6f) 1, YOUNG TURPIN (J Hunter, 8-1); 2, Toxotis (S Cauthen, 5-1); 3, Honey Mill (N Adams, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Suhail Dancer, 11-2 Pastoral Jem (4th), Bella Rossi, 7 Tatouma, Breezed Well (6th), Optaria (5th). 9 ran. Sh hd, 4l, sh hd, 2l, hd. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £9.10; £1.90, £1.50, £9.20. DF: £15.40. CSF: £45.62. Tricast: £1,383.15. 1min 13.65sec.

3.30 (1m 2f) 1, SUMMER FASHION (S Cauthen, 5-2); 2, Fast Chick (B Rouse, 10-1); 3, Hall Of Mirrors (W Carson, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Stanwell (4th), 7 Carina Bella (6th), 9 Factotum, 16 William Four (5th), 25 Rana Pratap, 33 Lady Llantair. 9 ran. 2l, 3l, hd, 2l, 5l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £2.40, £1.40. DF: £24.70. CSF: £26.59. Tricast: £55.30. 2min 05.93sec.

4.0 (7f) 1, SPANISH HEART (M Roberts, 9-1); 2, Southern Sky (S Cauthen, 5-1); 3, Mukhabbr (T Williams, 10-1); 4, Cape Pigeon (T Lang, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Quiche, 12 Kachina Maid (6th), 14 Our Jock (5th), Red River Boy, 16 Sporting Simon, Humalong, 20 Uxorionus, Maiden Bidder, 33 Balsfort, Serranilla, Moon Warrior, Derraleena. 16 ran. NR: Sporting Wednesday. 1½l, 1l, nk, hd, hd. P Makin at Ogbourne Maisey. Tote: £9.00; £2.20, £1.50, £2.20, £3.20. DF: £18.70. CSF: £54.08. Tricast: £430.75. 1min 26.59sec.

4.15 (6f) AFRICAN CHIEF (B Rouse, walked over). R Hannon at East Everleigh.

Placepot: £55.90.

Late results

Nottingham

Going: firm

7.15 (1m 2f) 1, Hallow Fair (S Dawson, 11-2); 2, Red Jam Jar (100-30); 3, Heir Of Excitement (7-1). Victoria Mill 7-4 fav. 9 ran. ½l, 3l. C Horgan. Tote: £7.80; £2.30, £2.70, £1.30. DF: £14.00. CSF: £23.36. Tricast: £119.50.

7.45 (1m 2f) 1, Neatfoot (W Carson, 11-4); 2, Zia (4-1); 3, Mauve Reel (6-4 fav). 6 ran. Nk, nk. W Hern. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £2.90. DF: £5.60. CSF: £13.34. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

8.15 (5f) 1, Our Fan (J Carroll, 11-4 fav); 2, Kafkin (15-2); 3, Beaumont's Keep (100-30). 13 ran. NR: Saint Systems, C U Technimech. 1½l, 3l. J Berry. Tote: £4.60; £1.40, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £13.40. CSF: £24.49. Tricast: £66.40.

Placepot: £175.30.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to firm (good, last 3 races)

2.15 (1m 5f 180yd) 1, CORN LILY (Kim Tinkler, 8-13 fav); 2, Valiant Dash (S Webster, 10-1); 3, Peristyle (A Culhane, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Arthurs Stone (6th), 20 Premier Princess (4th), 25 Early Sound, 33 Peserlee (5th). 7 ran. NR: Hornblower Lass. 1½l, 3l, 7l, 15l, 1½l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £3.70. DF: £19.00. CSF: £7.09. Bought in 6,200gns.

2.45 (1m 5f 180yd) 1, OWEN FALLS (G Hind, 10-1); 2, Formation (K Darley, 12-1); 3, Dragons Lair (N Connorton, 15-8). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Les Tamaris (5th), 9-2 Out On Allege (4th), 33 There You Are (6th). 6 ran. 12l, 3l, 8l, 6l, 5l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £10.30; £3.90, £3.50. DF: £29.80. CSF: £91.08.

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3.15 (7f) 1, SIMPLY HENRY (G Duffield, 13-8); 2, Scarroo (W Ryan, 10-11 fav); 3, Marcroft (P Barnard, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Breezy Day (4th). 4 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 10l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.34.

3.45 (7f) 1, JANE'S BRAVE BOY (S Wood, 7-2 fav); 2, The Mazall (D Nicholls, 5-1); 3, Sharlie's Wimpy (N Connorton, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Vickenda (6th), 12 Gothic Ford, Major Don, 14 Honour's Degree, Aquainted (4th), Bunnytoch (6th), 20 Duffer's Dancer, Break Loose, 25 Jonjo's Son, 50 Beau's Delight, Zio Peppino, 100 Miss Creesong. 15 ran. 2l, 1½l, ½l, ½l, ¾l. D Chapman at Stillington. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £1.90, £3.50. DF: £13.20. CSF: £19.82. Tricast: £134.34.

4.15 (5f) 1, CASE LAW (G Duffield, 8-11 fav); 2, Friday Sport (K Darley, 50-1); 3, Al Mufti (R Hills, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 9 Dara Prince (4th), 16 Arch Bidder (5th), 33 Emerald Edge (6th). 6 ran. 3l, 2½l, 5l, 7l, 5l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £7.40. DF: £18.90. CSF: £20.90.

4.45 (5f) 1, OUR FREDDIE (N Gwilliams, 11-1); 2, Seamere (D D'Arcy, 20-1); 3, Halvoya (G Husband, 20-1); 4, Highland Rowena (T Thompson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 5 jt-fav Lady's Mantle, Captain's Bidd (5th), 17-2 Cherry Chap, 9 First Fastnet, Verro (6th), 10 Bella Seville, Dancing Belle, 20 Hatay, 25 Uptown Girl, Sweet Dragon, Oakes Day, 33 Suniram, Smokin Josie, 100 Northern Surveyor, Arodsloch. 19 ran. Hd, ½l, nk, nk, 1½l. W Carter at Epsom. Tote: £11.40; £2.60, £3.60, £3.60, £3.10. DF: £83.80. CSF: £200.74. Tricast: £3,924.09.

5.15 (1m 4f 40yd) 1, LOGAMIMO (N Tinkler); 2, Fearless Stand (S Kettlewell); 3, Fandango Kiss (T Kersey). ALSO RAN: English River (ref), Night Club (5th), Orange King (4th). 6 ran. Nk, 25l, hd, 10l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £2.30. DF: £2.30. No starting prices returned.

Placepot: £166.70.

No prices

No starting prices were returned on the Middlebrook Mushroom Trainers' Invitation Stakes won by Logamimo at Catterick Bridge yesterday.

Only a handful of bookmakers remained for the race and they bet on either the forecast or winning distance.

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Somerset unable to make the most of their flying start

By Jack Bailey

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (Somerset won toss): Worcestershire, with nine first-innings standing, are 189 runs behind Somerset

The groundsman at Clarence Park reckons he has no really useful rain since the end of May, although some was sighted on June 30. The smattering that fell yesterday made no appreciable difference, even if it did cost a few overs, but the dryness of the pitch led to a sluggish and uncertain bounce.

Only batsmen in the finest fettle were likely to prosper for long against good bowling and it says much for the form of Roebuck (99) and the application of Harden (59) that they were chiefly responsible for Somerset's total of 240.

Worcestershire's opening pair, Bent and Tolley, played with assurance until Tolley met one that held back and was caught at cover. But Worcestershire, what with injuries and Test calls, had seven absentees and much rests with the remaining regulars, especially Hick, if a healthy first innings lead is to be achieved.

Having been in the field virtually throughout the previous day at Colchester and having arrived late in the West Country, the last thing Worcestershire needed was to lose the toss.

When Roebuck seized the opportunity to put to the sword an attack which leaned heavily on reserve strength, Worcestershire must have wished they were somewhere else, even though Cook had left uncharacteristically early, in the sixth over.

During the course of a high-class innings, Roebuck's only uncertain period was in the nervous nineties. That he should fall one short of his century was rough justice, for until Harden arrived he had borne the burden virtually single-handed.

He scored 41 out of the first 55, went to his half-century with 10 fours and had made 76 of the 118 for two mustered by lunchtime. Many of these came from the bowling of Dilley, whose first 11 overs cost 58 runs, but included several unplayable balls.

At the other end, McEwan plugged away during an unrelenting opening spell of 14 overs and came back for many more. Lampitt's medium pace gave nothing away

SOMERSET: First Innings

P M Roebuck c Rhodes b Lampitt	99
S J Cook c D'Oliveira b McEwan	9
R J Bartlett c D'Oliveira b Lampitt	12
C J Tavaré c D'Oliveira b McEwan	18
R J Harden c Rhodes b McEwan	59
†N D Burns b Dilley	3
*V J Marks c Rhodes b Lampitt	0
G D Rose lbw b Lampitt	6
N A Mallender b Dilley	5
*H R J Trump c Rhodes b Dilley	12
A N Jones not out	6
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 5)	11
Total (79.3 overs)	240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-78, 3-123, 4-159, 5-164, 6-172, 7-182, 8-189, 9-211.

BOWLING: Dilley 25-5-101-3; McEwan 23.3-5-57-3; Lampitt 23-2-80-4; Illingworth 1-1-0-0; Tolley 7-0-18-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P Bent not out	28
C M Tolley c Roebuck b Rose	23
S M McEwan not out	0
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (1 wkt, 15 overs)	51

G A Hick, D B D'Oliveira, *P A Neale, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth and G R Dilley.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-42.

Bonus points: Somerset 2, Worcestershire 4.

Umpires: B Dudleston and A A Jones.

IAN STEWART

The one that got away: Gooch sees Ripley, the Northamptonshire wicketkeeper, fall to catch him off Walker

Essex happier and Prichard secures an overdue century

By Ivo Tennant

COLCHESTER (Essex won toss): Northamptonshire, with all their first-innings wickets in hand, are 379 runs behind Essex

Buoyed by holding Worcestershire to a draw in the first match of this, the most pleasant of their festival weeks, Essex were more like themselves yesterday. Paul Prichard made his first century for three years, Graham Gooch scored some runs and maximum batting points were achieved. Northamptonshire survived four overs in response.

Whether or not the anti-apartheid demonstrators had heard that Foster has no second thoughts over going to South Africa, they did not return yesterday. The crowd was large and benevolent, doubtless quietly pleased that both Foster and Gooch are available to further their championship cause.

For Gooch, this was a return to some semblance of form after it was agreed he would not play in the fifth Test. He was not at his best and will not have been pleased with his dismisssl, yet this was his highest first-class score for six weeks.

At the other end Stephenson had managed eight runs in an hour and half before twice hooking Walker for six off his eyebrows. He made 41 out of 134 with Gooch. Waugh batted sprightly before Capel removed his off stump as he shouldered arms. Hussain was soon taken at second slip, Bailey more convinced of a clean catch than he had been on one occasion earlier.

There was something in the pitch for Northamptonshire's quicker bowlers — and mostly they wasted it. Davis delivered his customary quota of no-balls — he was well into double figures come mid afternoon — and Walker had difficulties with his line. Roberts, playing in his second championship match, provided the variety. He is even smaller than Richard Williams and bowls very presentable leg spin.

Surprisingly, this was only the third century of Prichard's career, which has been bedevilled by injuries.

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c Ripley b Davis	75
J P Stephenson c Ripley b Davis	41
P J Prichard st Ripley b Roberts	126
M E Waugh b Capel	24
N Hussain c Bailey b Capel	5
N Shahid c Ripley b Davis	28
†M A Garnham not out	28
D R Pringle not out	25
Extras (b 4, lb 13, w 3, nb 19)	39
Total (6 wkts dec)	391

N A Foster, T D Topley and J H Childs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-134, 2-144, 3-224, 4-294, 5-316, 6-353.

BOWLING: Davis 23-4-81-3; Walker 22-3-90-2; Capel 27-3-59-2; Roberts 24-1-110-1; Bailey 7-0-34-0.

Score after 100 overs: 371 for 6.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

G Cook not out	1
A Walker not out	7
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (no wkt, 4 overs)	12

*W Larkins, A Fordham, R J Bailey, D J Capel, D J Wild, N A Felthan, A Roberts, †D Ripley and W W Davis to bat.

Bonus points: Essex 4, Northamptonshire 2.

Umpires: R Palmer and M J Kitchen.

FOOTBALL

Liverpool irate as ITV gets its way

By Ian Ross

Liverpool yesterday expressed their displeasure at the rescheduling of the League game against Manchester United at Anfield to accommodate live television cameras. The game was originally scheduled for Saturday, September 30, but has been moved to Friday, December 22, with an 8.05pm kick-off at the insistence of ITV.

● The transfer of Gary Waddock, the former Queen's Park Rangers midfield player, from Charlerel, the Belgian club, to Millwall, has been held up by the Football League Management Committee so that medical reports about his recovering from a serious knee injury may be studied.

● Steve Hodge, the England midfield player, will be fit to start the season for Nottingham Forest after undergoing an ankle operation during the summer.

● Ian Stott, the chairman of Oldham Athletic, has withdrawn from the race to succeed Jack Dunnett as the president of the Football League.

● Halifax Town and Leeds United will play their pre-season Yorkshire and Humberside Cup game behind closed doors at Halifax on an unspecified date.

● Peter Shirtliff, Sheffield Wednesday's £500,000 signing from Charlton Athletic, will miss the start of the season because of a calf strain.

● Wolverhampton Wanderers, who had the all-ticket ruling at their away games lifted last season, have had their Littlewoods Cup match against Lincoln City on August 30 made all-ticket.

● Heart of Midlothian have announced a car deal with the John Martin Group, worth "in excess of £60,000".

Gray goes back to C Palace

Andy Gray, who played only 11 times for Queen's Park Rangers after his £425,000 transfer from Aston Villa in February, rejoined Crystal Palace yesterday for £500,000 (Dennis Signy writes). And in a double deal with his London neighbours, Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, has also signed Mark Dennis, for £50,000, with a further £50,000 to be paid when Dennis has played 50 games.

Terry Venables, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, confirmed yesterday that Portsmouth are showing interest in Mitchell Thomas, who is presently on weekly contracts.

Ipswich Town have signed the former Norwich City winger, Louie Donowa, on a free transfer. Donowa has been on trial at Portman Road after returning from the Dutch side, Willem II, and chose Ipswich in preference to Sheffield United, with whom he also had talks.

Stoke City's most valuable asset, Peter Beagrie, is likely to leave soon to help alleviate the club's financial problems. Beagrie, who is conservatively valued at £800,000, has attracted the interest of several leading clubs, including Liverpool.

Phil Sproson, who was forced out of football with a knee injury in February, has joined Birmingham City, while Gillingham have signed Peter Johnson from Southend United, after a fortnight's trial.

Bruised Fairbrother lets fly

By Richard Streeton

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 312 runs behind Lancashire

An astonishing display of hitting by Neil Fairbrother tore the Derbyshire bowling to shreds yesterday in a manner seldom seen in a championship match. Fairbrother was felled early on by a ball from Bishop, the West Indian fast bowler, but went on to score 161 in 124 balls.

Fairbrother and Fowler added 256 in 39 overs after Lancashire were 14 for two, having been put in to bat on a lively pitch. Bishop's first two balls both reared nastily and the second team openers, Speak and Lloyd, were quickly out. It was an unlikely prologue for Fairbrother to play as remarkable an innings as anyone could wish to see.

By the time Fairbrother lifted a catch to long leg, 55 minutes after lunch, he had unleashed a dazzling array of strokes that brought him six sixes and 21 fours. All this from a man, who took two nasty knocks early on as the occasional ball lifted awkwardly.

Fairbrother was 15 when he sank to the ground after a ball from Bishop hit him under the chin. There was a five-minute delay while he received treatment. Soon afterwards when Base replaced Bishop, he was hit on the hand and felt sufficient pain later to go for an X-ray examination, which showed only severe bruising.

It was after these physical blows that the Lancashire assault began in earnest with the next 203 runs coming in 26 overs. It was as if the two left-handers decided they had to take runs from the other bowlers while Bishop rested. Fairbrother showed his intentions by pulling Newman for six and then launched into a spate of boundaries against everyone in turn.

By lunch, Lancashire were 171, with 104 runs coming from the last 11 overs before the interval and there was no let-up in the afternoon. Newman, Base and Jean-Jacques all shared a lack of line and length but this should not detract from the merit of Fairbrother's batting. Even the better balls were punished with great certainty: anything overpitched was fiercely driven and the short ones were pulled or hooked with power and timing.

Fowler was in his determined mood, first thwarting Bishop and, though overshadowed, equally gave the bowlers no hope during the exhilarating third wicket stand. It was inevitable that everything else that happened fell flat once Fairbrother was out.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Lloyd c Maher b Bishop	1
N J Speak c Sharma b Newman	6
G Fowler c Adams b Jean-Jacques	83
*N H Fairbrother c Base b Jean-Jacques	161
T E Jesty c Maher b Bishop	12
M Watkinson b Bishop	2
Wasim Akram c Maher b Newman	16
†W K Hegg c Barnett b Jean-Jacques	15
P A J DeFreitas c Base b Jean-Jacques	28
I D Austin not out	13
J D Fitton c Newman b Sharma	9
Extras (b 5, lb 13, w 2, nb 12)	31
Total (75.2 overs)	372

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-14, 3-270, 4-279, 5-285, 6-294, 7-312, 8-351, 9-355.

BOWLING: Bishop 16-3-39-3; Newman 16-1-88-2; Base 15-1-85-0; Jean-Jacques 16-0-83-4; Sharma 10.2-2-46-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett not out	37
P D Bowler c Hegg b Wasim	4
J E Morris not out	15
Extras (nb 4)	4
Total (1 wkt, 10 overs)	60

R Sharma, T J G O'Gorman, C J Adams, †B J M Maher, P G Newman, I R Bishop, S J Base and M Jean-Jacques to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-4.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4, Lancashire 4.

Umpires: K E Palmer and D S Thompsett.

Gatting steals the show

By Tony Winlaw

CHELTENHAM (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 180 runs behind Middlesex

Any disruptions to the forthcoming tour of South Africa clearly have not affected Mike Gatting, the captain. On the College ground yesterday he played a truly masterful innings of 110 not out. He batted with confidence and authority whereas the rest of the Middlesex side struggled against some hostile Gloucestershire bowling, notably from Walsh, who took three for 50.

After Lancashire's dismissal on Saturday for just 93, Gloucestershire put Middlesex in and, with the ball bouncing high and Haynes and Carr scoring only 33 off the first 17 overs, it looked a safe decision.

Gatting was in two hours for his 50. Early in his innings there was a fascinating duel with Graveney, player-manager of the South African tour. The left-arm spinner gave the ball plenty of air but Gatting soon advanced down the wicket and drove Graveney for a straight six.

This was followed by more exciting footwork and cover drives as Gatting scored his second championship hundred of the season in three and a half hours. It contained one six and 12 fours.

Gloucestershire originally owed much to a skilful bowling change by Athey just before lunch, when the medium-pace of Bainbridge was introduced. He had Carr caught behind by Tedstone, standing up. In the next over, the last before the interval, Ramprakash was caught off bat and pad — and most creditably "walked" before any decision was given.

Roseberry hit four boundaries in his 21 and Ellcock, who made nine, bravely partnered Gatting in a ninth-wicket stand of 42.

Gloucestershire were 25 for one when bad light and rain interrupted play for 17 overs. Subsequently, in 4.4 overs they added 17 but, with three balls remaining, Lloyds swept Emburey into the hands of Williams at backward square leg.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

J D Carr c Tedstone b Bainbridge	22
D L Haynes c Butcher b Curran	20
*M W Gatting not out	110
M R Ramprakash c Alleyne b Walsh	0
M A Roseberry b Walsh	21
†P R Downton c Alleyne b Jarvis	6
J E Emburey b Jarvis	5
N F Williams st Tedstone b Graveney	6
S P Hughes c Athey b Graveney	0
R M Ellcock b Walsh	9
N G Cowans b Jarvis	0
Extras (b 4, lb 12, nb 7)	23
Total (78 overs)	222

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-84, 3-85, 4-115, 5-134, 6-148, 7-179, 8-179, 9-221.

BOWLING: Walsh 20-5-50-3; Curran 15-4-36-1; Jarvis 18-2-51-3; Graveney 14-1-44-2; Bainbridge 10-1-25-1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright c Roseberry b Ellcock	2
I P Butcher not out	20
J W Lloyds c Williams b Emburey	19
†G A Tedstone not out	0
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (2 wkts, 12 overs)	42

*C W J Athey, P Bainbridge, K M Curran, M W Alleyne, C A Walsh, D A Graveney and K B S Jarvis to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-42.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4, Middlesex 2.

Umpires: D O Oslear and A J T Whitehead.

Fine examples for Atherton

By Simon Wilde

Tests against Australia at Trent Bridge have often proved to be watersheds in cricket history and today's match, the first since the South African party signed away their international futures, is no exception.

Trent Bridge's first Australian Test, in 1899, was W. G. Grace's last. Its second, in 1905, was the first won by a googly bowler (B. J. T. Bosanquet). Its third, in 1921, when English cricket had been ravaged by war and was arguably in a weaker state than now, was the shortest Anglo-Australian Test this century (it was over on the second afternoon).

Trent Bridge saw the beginning of Bradman's Test career in England — he scored 131 in 1930 — and the demise of Bodyline, the tactic designed to curb him, when its chief exponents, Larwood and Voce, were pointedly missing from the 1934 match.

Four years later, Trent Bridge represented a high water mark for England. They amassed 658 for eight, their then highest total against Australia and were held to a draw only after a magnificent double-century by McCabe. Among England's century-makers were two masters-in-the-making in Hutton, aged 21, and Compton, aged 20. Many will now be hoping that Atherton, playing for his country for the first time today, will come to emulate them.

The 1953 fixture saw the turn of the tide for England, who had not won a home series against Australia for 27 years. Rain ruined the last two days but for the first three Australia had been outplayed (Bedser taking 14 wickets). England had proved themselves Australia's equals and went on to take the series.

In more modern times, the ground has also witnessed the start to both of Boycott's Test careers: his debut in 1964 and his first appearance, following a three-year self-imposed exile in 1977 (he scored a century and ran out Randall, the local boy). The latter game was Botham's debut and he took five wickets in the first innings.

Australia have won more Tests at Trent Bridge than they have lost (four to three), the only ground in England, apart from Lord's, on which they hold the advantage. The ground has never before staged a Test with the Ashes decided.

● Notts County Council is planning to give £100,000 towards improving facilities at Trent Bridge.

TEST AVERAGES

England batting and fielding

	M	I	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave	Cst/St
R A Smith	13	20	1	1179	182	6	3	62.05	6
T S Curtis	17	29	2	1218	156	4	6	45.11	12
D I Gower	12	20	1	845	228	2	3	44.47	7
M D Moxon	14	25	1	947	162*	1	6	39.45	17
M A Atherton	13	23	1	883	90	-	4	31.04	12
D E Malcolm	10	13	7	171	51	-	1	28.50	-
R C Russell	15	23	5	511	128*	1	2	28.38	40/4
E E Hemmings	16	20	6	257	58*	-	1	19.07	6
I T Botham	14	21	1	365	73	-	1	18.25	12
J G Thomas	16	25	3	393	35	-	-	12.86	5
A R C Fraser	17	23	6	203	43*	-	-	11.94	2
N G B Cook	18	26	7	135	21	-	-	7.10	17

Bowling

	Over	Mid	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Ave
A R C Fraser	637.2	152	1603	77	5-20	3	19.51
N G B Cook	502.4	178	1097	56	6-58	3	19.58
D E Malcolm	237.5	36	906	44	4-68	-	20.59
I T Botham	422.4	96	1178	52	7-85	3	22.65
J G Thomas	456.2	67	1584	56	6-53	2	30.07
M D Moxon	48.0	9	161	5	3-24	-	32.20
E E Hemmings	501.1	124	1332	39	6-87	1	34.15
M A Atherton	360.4	79	998	25	3-58	-	39.92
T S Curtis	8.0	0	14	0	-	-	-
R A Smith	13.0	3	67	0	-	-	-

Australia batting and fielding

	M	I	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave	Cst/St
D M Jones	10	15	3	1118	248	3	6	93.16	4
S R Waugh	12	18	6	907	177*	3	3	75.58	-
M A Taylor	14	26	1	1317	141	2	9	52.68	20
D C Boon	13	23	5	913	103	2	6	50.72	21
A R Border	13	19	2	747	135	1	6	46.68	15
M R J Veletta	5	8	1	294	134*	1	1	42.00	6
T M Moody	10	17	3	457	144*	1	2	32.64	7
G R Marsh	15	29	4	773	100*	1	2	30.92	14
I A Healy	11	15	3	342	79*	-	1	28.50	28/2
T V Hohns	12	15	2	305	95	-	2	23.46	5
M G Hughes	12	14	4	219	71	-	1	21.90	1
T J Zoehrer	5	6	0	121	48	-	-	20.16	14
G F Lawson	11	11	2	172	74	-	1	19.11	3
G D Campbell	9	9	1	87	31	-	-	10.87	2
T B A May	8	7	3	35	13*	-	-	8.75	1
T M Alderman	9	9	5	32	8	-	-	8.00	4
C G Rackemann	7	6	1	22	11	-	-	4.40	2

Bowling

	Over	Mid	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Ave
T M Alderman	335.2	85	898	56	6-128	4	16.03
G F Lawson	409.1	111	1121	54	6-30	3	20.75
S R Waugh	155.1	34	506	22	3-10	-	23.09
C G Rackemann	193.5	37	672	28	5-86	1	24.00
G D Campbell	188.1	35	606	25	5-54	1	24.32
M G Hughes	310.0	87	905	35	5-37	2	25.85
T B A May	215.5	64	583	21	4-43	-	25.81
T V Hohns	246.4	86	691	20	4-87	-	30.05
T M Moody	34.0	7	93	2	1-10	-	46.50
A R Border	81.0	20	132	1	1-55	-	132.0

* denotes not out

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Hants in debt to Terry

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Hampshire, who need to beat Warwickshire at Dean Park, Bournemouth, to stay in the championship race, were indebted to five smart slip catches by Paul Terry, which equalled the county record, as they secured the four bowling points on offer yesterday.

Warwickshire, already without the injured Gladstone Small, had to send for the all-rounder, Roger Twose, who dashed from a second XI match at Walmley to make his championship debut, after Dermot Reeve had been taken ill. They did well to reach 229 after losing their first three wickets for 44.

Humpage and Asif Din, who both made half-centuries, added 85 in 33 overs for the fourth wicket and the Hampshire captain, Mark Nicholas, had to bring himself into the attack to break the partnership.

Joey Benjamin, another championship newcomer for Warwickshire, made his mark by dismissing Chris Smith with his fourth delivery as Hampshire scored 27 for one from 13 overs.

Kent succeeded in passing 300 for the first time since mid-June against Surrey at Canterbury but had to struggle for the fourth batting point despite a fine century by opening batsman, Neil Taylor, and a typically fluent 51 from Roy Pienaar. When Taylor was fifth out at 226 the Surrey seam bowlers took control only to be thwarted by Kelleher and Igglesden, who added a rousing 56 in 14 overs for the last wicket, taking their side to 346 before Kelleher fell to the hard-working Murphy, who finished with five for 96.

Martin Speight, another of the Combined Universities side who is making a mark in county cricket, gave Sussex a splendid start against Leicestershire at Eastbourne where he had reached 88 with 13 fours when he was trapped leg-before by Peter Willey just before lunch, having contributed 71 to a partnership of 93 with his captain, Paul Parker.

Sussex reached 199 with only three men out before Winston Benjamin (four for 63) and Agnew (four for 84) combined to take the last seven wickets while 59 runs were scored.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Kent v Surrey

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent have scored 346 against Surrey

KENT: First Innings

S G Hinks c Lynch b Murphy	33
N R Taylor c Medlycott b M P Bicknell	118
R F Pienaar lbw b Peters	51
T R Ward st Stewart b Medlycott	3
*C S Cowdrey c D J Bicknell b M P Bicknell	1
†S A Marsh c Stewart b Murphy	31
M V Fleming c Stewart b Peters	23
M C Dobson lbw b Murphy	0
C Penn lbw b Murphy	13
D J Kelleher c Thorpe b Murphy	30
A P Igglesden not out	32
Extras (b 5, lb 5, w 1)	11
Total	346

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-157, 3-160, 4-161, 5-226, 6-268, 7-268, 8-268, 9-290.

BOWLING: Murphy 27.4-7-94-5; M P Bicknell 31-8-81-2; Robinson 5-0-18-0; Peters 19-2-57-2; Greig 7-2-20-0; Medlycott 19-4-66-1.

Score after 100 overs: 318 for 9.

SURREY: D J Bicknell, R I Alikhan, †A J Stewart, M A Lynch, G P Thorpe, *I A Greig, J D Robertson, K T Medlycott, M P Bicknell, N H Peters and A J Murphy.

Bonus points: Kent 4, Surrey 4.

Umpires: J H Harris and B Hassan.

Sussex v Leics

EASTBOURNE (Sussex won toss): Leicestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 214 runs behind Sussex

SUSSEX: First Innings

D M Smith b Agnew	5
M P Speight lbw b Willey	88
*P W G Parker lbw b Benjamin	45
A P Wells c Taylor b Benjamin	47
C M Wells c Briers b Willey	35
I J Gould lbw b Agnew	13
A I C Dodemaide b Agnew	0
A C S Pigott c Whitaker b Benjamin	3
†P Moores lbw b Agnew	11
S T P Donelan not out	4
I D K Salisbury lbw b Benjamin	2
Extras (b 3, lb 2)	5
Total (87.4 overs)	258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-116, 3-154, 4-199, 5-222, 6-222, 7-229, 8-250, 9-252.

BOWLING: Benjamin 23.4-7-63-4; Agnew 22-2-84-4; Taylor 9-1-30-0; Willey 28-12-60-2; Such 5-1-16-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon not out	28
*N E Briers not out	13
Extras (b 3, nb 2)	5
Total (no wkt, 20 overs)	44

J J Whitaker, P Willey, L Potter, P N Hepworth, W K M Benjamin, †P Nixon, J P Agnew, L B Taylor and P M Such to bat.

Bonus points: Sussex 3, Leicestershire 4.

Umpires: D J Constant and R Julian.

Hants v Warwicks

BOURNEMOUTH (Warwickshire won toss): Hampshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 202 runs behind Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Middleton b James	23
*T A Lloyd c Terry b Baker	12
A I Kallicharran c Terry b Connor	0
G W Humpage lbw b Nicholas	51
Asif Din c Terry b Marshall	57
R G Twose c Terry b Marshall	14
N M K Smith c Wood b James	19
†K J Piper lbw b Maru	22
A A Donald c Terry b Baker	13
J E Benjamin c Parks b Maru	5
T A Munton not out	0
Extras (lb 12, nb 1)	13
Total (93.3 overs)	229

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-30, 3-44, 4-129, 5-191, 6-178, 7-198, 8-224, 9-224.

BOWLING: Marshall 17-8-26-2; Baker 13-4-32-2; Connor 19-4-38-1; James 17-2-51-2; Maru 22.3-7-49-2; Nicholas 5-0-11-1.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry not out	12
C L Smith c Piper b Benjamin	4
K D James not out	10
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 13 overs)	27

*M C J Nicholas, T C Middleton, J R Wood, M D Marshall, †R J Parks, R J Maru, C A Connor and P J Baker to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-4.

Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Warwickshire 2.

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White.

Semi-final sell out

All 5,500 tickets for next week's NatWest Trophy semi-final match between Hampshire and Middlesex at Southampton have been sold.

CYCLING

Doyle contests pursuit

By Peter Bryan

Tony Doyle has finally made up his mind. He will ride in the world 5,000 metres professional pursuit championship which starts in Lyons, France, next Wednesday after six months of indecision.

The Ever Ready rider, silver medal winner last year to the Pole, Lech Piasecki, and twice world champion, said at the start of the season that he would be concentrating on road racing.

At the back of Doyle's mind, however, has been the thought that he might have a better chance of a gold medal if he switched from the pursuit to the 50km points race, in which he finished runner-up in 1987.

Now, with a shin-splint injury behind him, the Woking rider, aged 31, feels confident to tackle the pursuit again.

Doyle's decision may be bad news for Colin Sturgess, who won the national title at Leicester last week in Doyle's absence. It will be more difficult for him to make the semi-finals at Lyons with Doyle riding.

● Stuart Brydon, of Edinburgh, who won the national sprint championship last week, has been added to the British team for the world championships in place of his clubmate, Eddie Alexander, who is injured.

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GOLF: FLOYD PREPARES TO FINALIZE HIS UNITED STATES TEAM FOR NEXT MONTH'S RYDER CUP MATCH

Ballesteros sets out to regain touch and his reputation

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Severiano Ballesteros and Greg Norman have reason to be placed under the microscope when the US PGA Championship starts today at the Kemper Lakes Golf Club north of Chicago.

They tee-up on this $75-a-round public golf course as the leading protagonists in world golf, according to the Sony Rankings, with Nick Faldo, the Masters champion, snapping at their heels. Furthermore, Curtis Strange, US Open champion, Ian Woosnam, Tom Kite and José-María Olazábal offer a considerable threat. Sandy Lyle has declined to compete, while Mark Calcavecchia, the Open champion, is also absent because his wife has just given birth.

Ballesteros has for some reason mislaid his touch. The inspiration, such a factor in his game, has deserted him. What promised to develop into a summer of success has instead become one of discontent. The Spaniard has not tasted victory since the Epson Grand Prix at the beginning of May and he was conspicuous by his absence from the leader board in both the US Open and the Open Championship.

In contrast Norman has continued to play a dominant role in the major championships. The trouble is that the "Great White Shark" has cultivated the unfortunate habit of being able to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

He last pressed the self-destruct button in the Open Championship at Royal Troon, when he reached for his driver at the fourth hole in the play-off. Norman found a sandy grave in the shape of a fairway bunker.

In truth the Australian has also been the victim of atrocious misfortune. Bob Tway wrested the US PGA Championship from him when, in 1986, he holed a bunker shot at the last. Then Larry Mize made an amazing pitch of 140 feet in the US Masters of 1987.

Yet the brilliance of Ballesteros and the nonchalant manner that Norman fashions outstanding rounds, such as his 64 at Troon, still camouflages their lack of success in the major championships. They might be rated the two best players in the world but their strike rate of major championships pales into insignificance compared with that of Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson at their best.

In the knowledge that the US PGA Championship has throughout the 1980s remained in American hands, it would appear fair to assume that the home spectators will have further cause to celebrate on Sunday.

Jeff Sluman is attempting to become the first player to win consecutive US PGA Championships since Denny Shute in 1936-37. The Championship, however, has also provided the likes of Raymond Floyd (1982), Lee Trevino (1984), Hubert Green (1985) and Larry Nelson (1987) to emphasize that experience can so often win the day.

Floyd will, as always, be determined to win a championship he first claimed in 1969. Even so he has another important duty on his mind since he must, on Sunday evening, finalize the United States team that he will captain in the Johnnie Walker Ryder Cup match against Europe at The Belfry from September 22 to 24.

Floyd has the option of selecting at least one player, which represents a change in American policy, and judging by recent comments he has made he will be looking for a golfer with the jingoistic character to match the occasion.

Floyd, answering suggestions that American golfers are no longer motivated by national pride, said: "You can't just single out golfers. Patriotism has declined across the country. It's a carry-over from the Vietnam era, and I see it in every walk of life. It irritates me because I think it's hurting our country.

"I love America. In my day, if you flinched when they played 'The Star-Spangled Banner' at a sporting event, the guy next to you would whack you. The new generation doesn't see it that way. Looking back on previous Ryder Cups, there was always this tremendous feeling inside me. Whenever they raise our flag, I get goose bumps as big as golf balls. I'm representing my country, man. The greatest country in the world."

All of which suggests that Floyd will lean towards a committed player rich in experience. Jack Nicklaus, who shares with Walter Hagen the record of five US PGA wins, does not expect to be selected by Floyd. Nicklaus, however, said: "If I were Raymond, I would select a veteran golfer – a Lee Trevino or a Tom Watson.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	408	4	10	453	4
2	391	4	11	534	5
3	173	3	12	393	4
4	508	5	13	219	3
5	442	4	14	420	4
6	180	3	15	578	5
7	567	5	16	488	4
8	421	4	17	172	3
9	448	4	18	438	4
Out	3,526	36	In	3,571	36
Total yardage: 7,107					Par: 72

Leaving his problems behind him: Ray Floyd, captain of the United States Ryder Cup team, climbs out of a bunker during a practice round for the PGA Championship at Kemper Lakes

Lyle still merits Ryder Cup place

By John Hennessy

Sandy Lyle this week plays his last tournament before the Ryder Cup team is announced, a fortnight hence, knowing that he is dependent on Tony Jacklin including him in the three places lying in the gift of the captain.

Even if he were to win the £50,000 first prize in the Benson and Hedges tournament at Fulford, he would still be only halfway towards gaining a place in the team on merit, and he is passing up the last two counting events.

"If Tony picks me, he picks me," Lyle said yesterday. "Worrying about it won't do me any good. If I were playing poorly, I'd have a word with Tony. But I think I'm playing well again."

There is a clear indication there that he would withdraw voluntarily if he felt he could not pull his weight, but that, apparently, would be over Jacklin's dead body.

"I'm not worried about Sandy," the captain said before going one round with Henry Cooper in the Fulford pro-am. "He's going to give you four or five birdies and an eagle in every round. I know what he can do."

There was also a nod of approval in the direction of Bernhard Langer, who, similarly, is unlikely to be among the nine automatic selections at the top of the Volvo Order of Merit. "I'm delighted Bernhard is coming back to form," Jacklin said, a reference to the West German's second place in Miami on Sunday.

Meanwhile, a dog-fight is developing among the contenders for the last three automatic places after Rafferty, Olazábal, Faldo, Woosnam, James and Ballesteros, and the tension is beginning to show. Half a dozen players are in advanced stages of catatonic twitch, among them Sam Torrance, the Ryder Cup hero at The Belfry four years ago.

They do not, however, include Peter Baker, the spectacular winner at Fulford last year with an an eagle three at the 72nd hole and another at the same hole in the play-off against Faldo. This year, his best finish is 16th in the Volvo Belgian Open, since when he has declined catastrophically, missing seven cuts out of nine, tying for 66th place and suffering a disqualification.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	412	4	10	165	3
2	438	4	11	514	5
3	189	3	12	321	4
4	458	4	13	473	4
5	167	3	14	178	3
6	561	5	15	443	4
7	415	4	16	383	4
8	371	4	17	356	4
9	486	5	18	480	5
Out	3,497	36	In	3,310	36
Total yardage: 6,807					Par: 72

Robinson builds a fine lead

Sara Robinson, of Heswall, opened up a four-stroke lead after two rounds of the English women's stroke-play championship at Hollinwell yesterday.

Robinson produced a second-round 74 for a two-under-par aggregate of 146 to lead Lisa Hackney, of Trentham.

The lowest round of a wind-tossed second day belonged to Allison Johns, who is still sore from whiplash injuries received last week as she fell asleep at the wheel when driving home to Lincolnshire after the English girls' championship at Edgbaston.

Johns had a 72 but that still left her six strokes off the pace, sharing fourth place.

LEADING SCORES: 146: S Robinson (Heswall), 72, 74. 150: L Hackney (Trentham), 76, 74. 151: S Morgan (Hesrsall), 74, 77. 152: A Shapcot (Knowle), 75, 77; A Johns (Boston), 80, 72. 153: J Morley (Sale), 76, 77; F Macdonald (Worplesdon), 79, 74; K Tebbet (Gullane), 77, 76. 154: S Keogh (Wyke Green) 77, 77. 155: L Fletcher (Alnmouth), 74, 81; S Palmer (The Warren), 75, 80; E Ratcliffe (Sandyway), 75, 80.

A perfect practice for Peachtree trip

By Patricia Davies

As the jumbo flies, it is not all that far from East Sussex National, a dream in the process of being realized in south-east England, to Peachtree, a mini Augusta National in Atlanta.

Yesterday, the Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup team tried out the former, and today, the vagaries of summer travel permitting, they will be having their first look at the latter.

In the space of a few months, Ken Siems, the East Sussex National course superintendent, and his staff, have produced greens as fast as most in the United States and probably faster than anything in Britain. That, and the course's proximity to Gatwick, was the reason the Walker Cup side assembled there before flying out for the match against the United States, which takes place at Peachtree on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

The greens at Peachtree read about 10.5 on the stimpmeter, the instrument used to measure their speed, and East Sussex's were 11 for the practice exercise. What that means in lay, and practical, terms, is that they were very fast, giving the players a taste of what awaits them.

What could not be reproduced were the steamy temperatures expected in Atlanta. They have been suffering in heat of over 100° F there recently and Geoff Marks, the captain of Great Britain and Ireland, has his team indocrinated in the importance of wet towels, plenty of water to drink, and a commercial beverage that replaces minerals lost and was used to good effect by the Curtis Cup team which won at Prairie Dunes, Kansas, in 1986.

Marks has corresponded with Diane Bailey, the captain of the Curtis Cup side, on heat and medical attention, and only hopes his side can emulate hers on the playing front.

The side will not settle themselves at Peachtree until Saturday afternoon, when the American team arrives, but will acclimatize with games at neighbouring courses. "That way, we should have time to get to know the course well but still be geed up for the match," Marks said.

EQUESTRIANISM

Irish riders make home advantage tell in their favour

From a Special Correspondent, Dublin

Irish riders continued their winning form at the Kerrygold Dublin Horse Show yesterday when victory in the Top Score competition went to the Army rider, John Ledingham. Two other Irish riders, Gerard Mullins and Trevor Coyle, finished third and fourth respectively, with Bruno Scolari, of Italy, second.

There were three international show-jumping competitions in Dublin yesterday. The most valuable of these, the Kerrygold Classic, was held during the evening to encourage people living in Dublin to attend the show after work. However, as it clashed with a race meeting at Phoenix Park, the experiment may not have been as successful as hoped.

The opening class of the day, the Kerrygold International, went to the West German, Achaz von Buchwaldt, and his 11-year-old gelding, Lausbub. David Broome, riding Lotus, put up the best British performance to finish second.

Buchwaldt, from Hamburg, was making something of a comeback here: the last time he won in Dublin was in 1978 with a horse called Pimms. In the 20-horse jump-off yesterday he was forced to jump a brilliant clear round in a fast time of 44.74sec. Gerard Mullins, of Ireland, was the only rider to better Buchwaldt's time, but he had the second fence down putting him out of contention.

Although Broome jumped clear he could not quite match Buchwaldt's time and was lucky not to have the last fence down when Lotus hit the top rail with his back legs.

Lotus, which belongs to Paul Schockemöhle, of West Germany, has been based with Rob Ehrens in Holland for the last two years. Broome took over in April.

RESULTS: Kerrygold International: 1, A von Buchwaldt, West Germany (Lausbub), 0 faults, 44.74sec; 2, D Broome, GB, (Lotus), 0, 47.53; 3, D Demeerman, Belgium, (Edelbert), 0, 48.02. British placings: 9, J Whitaker (Next Foxendale), 4, 44.91; 12, R Smith (Brook Street Silver Dust), 4, 46.44. Kerrygold Top Score: 1, Capt. J Ledingham, Ireland, (Kilcoltrim), 1,180, 63.79sec; 2, B Scolari, Italy, (Nervis), 1,180, 68.36; 3, Commandant G Mullins, Ireland, (Mostrim), 1,180, 73.15.

BOWLS

Anton obtains a singular success

By David Rhys Jones

Catherine Anton, aged 24, an assistant legal cashier from Peterborough, will be leaving her solicitors' office and embarking on a world cruise this winter. But her expensive fling is in no way connected with her win in the Liverpool Victoria English Women's Bowling Association two-wood singles championship yesterday.

As champion of England, she receives a small silver trophy, which will have to be returned next year, and an attractive, but modest, silver keepsake. There is, curiously, no money prize for this or any other national championship at Royal Leamington Spa.

Anton, who has played for England's successful junior side and has twice won the national under-25 title, came through with flying colours against Dorothy Miller of Reading, 18-8, Irene Molyneux, the 1979 champion from Oxford, 16-9, and Edna Bessell, a rising star from Yeovil, 14-9.

Both finalists complained that the blustery conditions made good bowling difficult, and the standard of play was, indeed, inferior to that earlier in the day, when the overnight favourite, Mary Price, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, was ousted by Bessell, aged 43, a medical secretary.

Norfolk won the triples title, beating Nottinghamshire 27-7 in another disappointing final. Chris Webb, Jenny Andrews and Jayne Roylance, from North Walsham, had expected a much tougher battle against Barbara Ridge, Sylvia Offler and Mavis Osborne, of Sherwood, but were not in the mood to complain.

Osborne, whose play had been inspirational, showed signs of fatigue in the final.

Two wood singles

QUARTER-FINALS: M Osborne (St Neots) 14, A Halliday (Masonians Chiswick) 9; E Bessell (Yeovil) 15, M Price (Burnham) 10; C Anton (Peterborough) 18, D Miller (Reading) 8; I Molyneux (Oxford C and C) 15, C Theedom (Crediton) 8.
SEMI-FINALS: Bessell 16, Osborne 7; Anton 16, Molyneux 9.
FINAL: Anton 14, Bessell 9.

Triples

SEMI-FINALS: Sherwood, Notts (B Ridge, S Offler, M Osborne) 16, Folkestone (J Smith, L Bannon, A Snelling) 11; North Walsham (C Webb, J Andrews, J Roylance) 22, British Rail Lincoln (J Wilson, J Hall, P Strong) 15.
FINAL: North Walsham 27, Sherwood 7.

Singles

PRELIMINARY ROUND: J Cleat (Wheatley Hill, Durham) 21, K Harrington (Petworth) 12; D Cotton (Bromsgrove) 22, P Taylor (Westbrook Margate) 20; B Hackett (Leominster) 22, M Trench (Denham) 2; E Logan (Bounds Green) 21, E Wales (Bookham) 15; J Browning (Littleport, Cambs) 21, N Wilson (Mansfield Colliery) 17; J Chapman (Sandy Town) 22, M Trevennen (Camborne) 14.

Fours

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Rayleigh (E Schooling) 24, Hemingford Hunts (I Meeks) 10; Mansfield Colliery (N Poole) 27, Bletchley (M Rose) 17; Cosham, Hants (C Lloyd) 26, Bromsgrove (B Pinchin) 13; Alnwick (A Daley) 30, Wallingford (J Nicholas) 13; Milton Park, Southsea (R Darling) 29, C and L Sports, Northolt (M Harwood) 18.

Wood ditched as Link leaves it late on draw

Willie Wood, the Scottish international, was beaten in the second round of the Bournemouth open tournament yesterday. Geoff Link, playing on his own green at Swanmore, won 21-17.

Link has been bowling for only five years and at the moment cannot get into his club's first team. He was 8-1 down against Wood, but fought back to 15-15 and went into the deciding end leading 20-17.

Delivering a long jack, he saw his first two woods roll into the ditch, then dropped two yards short with his third. Wood held three shots until Link changed to the forehand and drew to within six inches of the jack. Wood fired, missed, and was out of his first Bournemouth singles.

Richard Vinter, the holder, whose university studies have restricted the time he can devote to the game, lost 21-12 to Alan Juleff, of St Austell, in the first round at Southbourne. But John Searle, the losing finalist last year, has advanced to the third round.

Alec Atkinson defeated Bob Sutherland, the former world indoor champion, 21-15 at King's Park. Nicky Jones, the 15-year-old from Bournemouth who has qualified for the national singles at Worthing later this month, lost by the same score to Leigh Prince, of Brighton, at Boscombe Cliff.

Tony Allcock, the English international, who was making his first appearance in the tournament since 1982, joined forces with Fred Taylor, a past president of the English Bowling Association, in the pairs. They lost 21-16 to Roy Hedges and Roy Kivell.

RESULTS: Singles: Second round: P Line (Atherley) 21, D Matthews (Swindon) 15; I Middlemast (Bath) 21, K Franklin (Kodak) 15; A Atkinson (Southport) 21, D Francis (Bournemouth) 4; B Sheppard (Alexandra Park) 21, C Martin (Poole Park) 16; R Buckland (Wootton Bassett) 21, D Wilkins (Pontrhydyfan) 14; L Prince (Preston Manor) 21, N Jones (Bournemouth) 15; A Hockney (Exeter) 21, P Vambacopoulos (Croydon) 9; D Le Marquand (Jersey) 21, D Simpkins (Chippenham) 14; G Link (Swanmore) 21, W Wood (Gifford) 17; G Blackburn (RHP) 21, G Standley (Andover) 18; P Hobday (Portsmouth) 21, T Hines (Vickers) 14.

HOCKEY

England hope to stage junior event

From Sydney Friskin, Ipoh

England, who successfully ran the 1986 World Cup in London, are making a firm bid to run the 1993 junior event, according to Phil Appleyard, the president of the Hockey Association.

Under the rules, only the winners and the host country qualify automatically; so if England do not win the fourth event in the series now being held here, the only way to avoid the qualifying rounds is to host it.

The England management had the opportunity to assess the relative strength of their four remaining opponents in Group B yesterday and of these, South Korea, who defeated Spain 5-1 look the most formidable.

Speed and stamina put the Koreans in command and after drawing level at 1-1 the Spaniards ran out of steam, a factor which should favour England in Saturday's match.

Australia strengthened their position in Group A with a 4-2 victory over Argentina although the score somewhat flattered the winners. Argentina, who scored the last goal of the match in the dying seconds through Fernandez were well in the game after Retevgi had cut the Australian lead to 2-1 but Australia's ability to grab goals out of nothing turned the tables.

RESULTS: Group A: Argentina 2, Australia 4; Netherlands 0, Malaysia 2. Group B: Soviet Union 3, United States 1; Spain 1, South Korea 5.

GLIDING

Raichle loses perfect record

The so-far unassailable German, Ulrich Raichle, missed his sixth consecutive day win in the 15-metre class on the sixth day of the European and world junior championships in Cambrai, France, when the entire field of nearly 50 pilots landed out (a Special Correspondent writes). The sole Briton in the 15-metre class, Tim Scott, is now in sixth place.

OVERALL POSITIONS (after six days): Standard: 1, Rubaj (Pol), SZD55, 5,075pts; 2, Ziegler (WG), LS4, 5,053; 3, Karow (WG), Discus, 4,969; 7, Jones (GB), Discus, 4,583. 15-metre: 1, Raichle (WG), ASW20, 5,444pts; 2, Mallick (Fr), LS6, 5,091; 3, Gantzmann (WG), Ventus, 5,082; 8, Scott (GB), ASW20, 4,732.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BUDAPEST: IAAF/Mobil Hungaria grand prix meeting: Men: 100m: 1, A Cason (US), 10.27sec; 2, C Smith (US), 10.37. 200m: H Thomas (US), 20.47. 400m: M Al-Malky (Oman), 45.25. 1,500m: P Ereng (Ken), 2min 17.37sec. 400m hurdles: N Page (US), 49.57sec. Discus: W Schmidt (WG), 68.20m. Hammer: L Judd (US), 78.02m. Javelin: 1, S Backley (GB), 85.86m (Commonwealth record); 2, V Yevsyukov (USSR), 82.18. Women: 100m: M Ottey (Jam), 11.08sec. 3,000m: Z Agoston (Hun), 8min 50.57sec. 400m hurdles: 1, A Prost (Switz), 56.12sec; 2, D Flintoff (Aus), 56.58. Long jump: N Boegman (Aus), 6.74m. Shot: 1, G Hammer (EG), 19.01m; 3, J Oakes (GB), 18.48. LAGOS: African championships: Men: 5,000m: J Ngugi (Ken), 13min 22.07sec. Long jump: Y Alli (Nigeria), 8.27m. Women: 200m: M Onyali (Nigeria), 23.00.

FOOTBALL

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Fortuna Düsseldorf 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 2. SKOL CUP: First round: Dumbarton 3, Stenhousemuir 0. VAUXHALL UNDER-18 NORDIC CUP: England 2, Denmark 1; Sweden 1, Finland 2; Iceland 1, Norway 2. England, Sweden and Finland are level after three rounds with four points each. OTHER MATCHES: Enfield 3, Charlton Athletic 3; Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Moscow Dinamo 2; Plymouth Argyle 3, Coventry City 1; Aldershot 0, Crystal Palace 2; Wigan 1, Bolton Wanderers 0; Ayr United 1, Northampton Town 4; Harrow 0, Millwall 2; Gillingham 0, Wimbledon 0; Heart of Midlothian 0, Dynamo Tbilisi 2; Dunfermline Athletic 0, Real Sociedad 0; Clyde 2, Rangers 5; Raith Rovers 0, Newcastle United 4; Portsmouth 0, Botafogo 2.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lakenham: Norfolk 206 (J P Taylor 4-51) and 185-3 (R J Finney 93 not out, D M Stamp 53); Staffordshire 250-9 dec (D Cartledge 64; R Kingshott 5-98). Match drawn. Reading: Cheshire 93 (M Steer 4-28) and 17-1; Berkshire 159-8 dec. Truro: Cornwall 270-5 dec and 214-7 dec; Oxfordshire 234-7 dec and 254-7 (P M Jobson 88 not out, G P Savin 56; S Turner 4-66). Oxfordshire won by 3 wkts. PORTSMOUTH: Representative match (55 overs): RAF 255-7 (G Lumb 100); Army 208 (G Summersgill 50). RAF won by 47 runs. SCHOOLS MATCH: England Schools under-15 212 (J Hindson 68 no, M Walker 37; B Whalley 5 for 69). Scotland Young Cricketers under-16: 141 for 8 (C Smith 46; G Chapple 5 for 25). RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Walmley: Sussex 444-7 (A M Green 182, N J Lenham 113, C Remy 55; D J Ratcliffe 4-77) v Warwickshire.

SHOOTING

VANCOUVER: British Columbia championships: Grand aggregate: 1, A Tucker (GB), 544.47pts; 2, R Pitcairn (Can), 544.42; 3, T Clarke (GB), 542.53; 4, W Richards (GB), 542.47; 5, P Bromley (GB), 541.44. Long-range aggregate: 1, Pitcairn, 242.19; 2, Bromley, 241.12; 3, Tucker, 240.10. Short-range aggregate: 1, Richards, 498.44; 2, K Westling (Can), 498.35; 3, S Peden (Can), 495.39; 4, P Medhurst (GB), 495.36. Macdonald Stewart aggregate: 1, Tucker, 199.15; 2, Richards, 197.17; 3, C Cunningham (GB), 197.15. Lt Governor's prize: 1, Pitcairn, 394.39; 2, Bromley, 393.28; 3, J Warburton (GB), 393.21; 4, Clarke, 392.28.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Poole 44, Berwick 52; Milton Keynes 35, Peterborough 61.

YACHTING

MUMBLES: RAYDEK GP14 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Fourth race: 1, I Willis and K Dutton (Chase); 2, M Platt and M Marsden (Bolton); 3, R Eatough and T Cole (Chase). WEYMOUTH: Signet national championships: Fourth race: 1, P Nicholson and T Wilde (The Sting, HSC); 2, A Searson and C Parkinson (Signo Vinces, NSC); 3, P Holt and L Holt (Liathach); 4, J Pratt and S Broadly (Knit 2 Tog, PSC); 5, C Whiteside and S Whiteside (Joker, PSC); 6, M Baker and A Baker (Over Easy, HSC). ANDIJK, The Netherlands: Cadet World Championship: Fifth race: 1, J Coello Nunez (Sp); 2, J Magdalena (Arg); 3, F Mortelmans (Belg); 4, A Otero-Novoa (Sp); 5, N Pepping (Neth). British placings: 6, G Mitchell; 10, S Rowsell; 11, T Bayliss; 15, N Craig; 21, J Lee. Sixth race: 1, Rowsell; 2, M Duys (Neth); 3, Lee; 4, Magdalena; 5, P Haylen (Belg). British placings: 8, Craig; 9, Bayliss; 10, Mitchell. Overall: 1, Otero-Novoa; 2, Bayliss; 3, Magdalena; 4, Mitchell. NORTH BERWICK: Mattie and Feast European Topper championships: 1, C Reynolds (Lockst); 2, M Arnell (Chichester); 3, J Styles (Downs). Overall: 1, A Carter (Herne Bay), 5¾; 2, C Reynolds, 8¾; 3, J Styles, 9.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 4, Montreal Expos 2; New York Mets 9, Philadelphia Phillies 0; Pittsburgh Pirates 7, St Louis Cardinals 3; Houston Astros 12, San Diego Padres 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 10, Atlanta Braves 2; Cincinnati Reds 10, San Francisco Giants 4. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 3, New York Yankees 1; Detroit Tigers 6, Milwaukee Brewers 3; Baltimore Orioles 6, Minnesota Twins 1; Toronto Blue Jays 7, Texas Rangers 0; Oakland A's 3, Chicago White Sox 2; Kansas City Royals 8, Boston Red Sox 1; Seattle Mariners 8, California Angels 4.

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: Grand prix tournament: Men's singles: First round (US unless stated): G Muller (SA) bt D Rostagno, 6-3, 7-6; W Masur (Aus) bt S Bryan, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6; J Brown bt M Kratzmann (Aus), 3-6, 6-2, 7-6; B Moir (SA) bt P Aldrich (SA), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; V Amritraj (Ind) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-3, 7-5; R Reneberg bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-1, 6-4; C Pridham (Can) bt O Rahnasto (Fin), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; J Arias bt C Limberger (Aus), 6-3, 7-6; D Pate bt G Michibata (Can), 1-6, 7-6, 6-3; D Visser (SA) bt M Flur, 6-2, 6-4; S Youl (Aus) bt J Pugh, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5; D Wheaton bt R Leach, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5; Second round: M Schapers (Neth) bt J Bates (GB), 6-2, 6-2; J Carlsson (Swe) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-2, 6-3; J Berger bt M Robertson (SA), 6-4, 6-3; A Schnadjer (Can) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-3, 6-4.
PRAGUE: Czechoslovak open tournament: Men's singles: First round: P Korda (Cz) bt G Dzelde (USSR), 6-2, 6-0; T Haldin (Swe) bt M Tauson (Den), 6-0, 1-6, 6-1; G Giussani (Arg) bt L Duncan (US), 6-1, 6-0; G Rivas (Arg) bt P Hajek (Cz), 6-4, 7-6; M Filippini (Uru) bt J Bulant (Cz), 6-1, 6-0; J Clavet (Sp) bt C Dosedel (Cz), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; M Strelba (Cz) bt T Smid (Cz), 6-3, 6-4; E Bengoechea (Arg) bt M Damm (Cz), 6-0, 6-2; V Roubicek (Cz) bt J Cihak (Cz), 1-0, ret; F Davin (Arg) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; D Rikl (Cz) bt F Luna (Sp), 7-6, 6-2; M Ostoja (Yug) bt T Nydahl (Swe), 6-4, 6-2; J Arrese (Sp) bt G Bloom (Isr), 6-2, 7-6; J Aguilera (Sp) bt T Zdrazila (Cz), 6-4, 6-2; H Skoff (Austria) bt C Allgardh (Swe), 6-0, 6-3.
LIVINGSTON, New Jersey: Men's grand prix tournament: First round (US unless stated): J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J Canter, 6-4, 7-6; T Donovan bt S Giammalva, 6-2, 7-5; P Annacone bt T Pawsat, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; C Bailey (GB) bt D Montes De Oca (Uru), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; J Kiepurda bt J Ross, 6-4, 6-3; M Brown bt K Evernden (Aus), 7-5, 6-2; J Grabb bt R Seguso, 5-2, ret; J Tarango bt A Parker, 7-6, 6-2; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-4, 6-3; J Courier bt M Knowles (Bah), 6-1, 6-2; C Garner bt M Laurendeau (Can), 6-3, 6-4; M Chang bt S Warner, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; B Gilbert bt T Wilkison, 6-4, 6-1.
LOS ANGELES: Women's tournament: First round: G Magers bt J Pospisilova (Cz), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; A Henricksson bt L Harvey-Wild, 6-4, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt E Burgin, 6-2, 6-2; M Javer (GB) bt R Reggi (It), 6-1, 6-3; W White bt E Inoue (Japan), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. Second round: M J Fernandez bt E Smylie (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; H Mandlikova (Aus) bt P Paradis (Fr), 6-0, 6-1; P Shriver bt S Martin, 6-2, 6-4; A Frazier bt W White, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; C Porwick (WG) bt P Fendick, 6-3, 6-0; G Sabatini (Arg) bt J Byrne (Aus), 6-0, 6-2; Z Garrison bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-3, 6-2.
ILKLEY: Open championship: Men: Third round: S Heron (Yorks) bt A Higham (Cumbria), 6-4, 6-4; A Yorke (Staffs) bt A Douglas (Surrey), 6-4, 6-3. Women: Quarter-finals: J Louis (Devon) bt S Longbottom (Yorks), 6-1, 6-0; J Wood (Middx) bt A Driver (Lancs) 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.

CYCLING

TOUR OF BELGIUM: Prologue (7.8-kilometre individual time trial): 1, T Marie (Fr), 9min 39.12sec; 2, F Maassen (Neth), at 3.05sec; 3, L Piasecki (Pol), at 9.18; 4, A Peiper (Aus), at 10.11; equal 5, J Museeuw (Bel) and M Sergeant (Bel), at 12.42.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Fifth Cornhill Test match
11.0, 90 overs minimum
TRENT BRIDGE: England v Australia.

Britannic Assurance Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Lancashire.
COLCHESTER: Essex v Northamptonshire.
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Middlesex.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Warwickshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Worcestershire.
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Leicestershire.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Ilkeston: Derbyshire v Glamorgan; Dover: Kent v Gloucestershire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire; Newark (Worthington Simpson): Nottinghamshire v Essex; Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire; Foster's Oval: Surrey v Lancashire; Walmley: Warwickshire v Sussex.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: East: Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk v Staffordshire. West: Torquay: Devon v Oxfordshire.

FOOTBALL

OTHER MATCHES: Southwick v Fulham; East Grinstead v Leyton Orient; Enfield v Ipswich; Halifax v Watford; Nelliston Juniors v Clydebank XI; Stafford Rangers v Stockport County.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Bournemouth open tournament; Liverpool Victoria British women's championships (Leamington Spa). County matches: Kent v Essex (Beckenham); Cambridgeshire v Suffolk (Littleport).
GOLF: Benson and Hedges open (Fulford); Seniors' open (Moortown and Alwoodley); English Women's stroke play championship (Hollinwell); Boys' internationals (Nairn).
POLO: National 15-goal championship (Cirencester); National 8-goal championship (Cowdray Park).
SPEEDWAY: National League: Middlesbrough v Berwick; Star of Anglia (Ipswich).
YACHTING: Admiral's Cup (Fastnet race); Solo World championship (Plymouth).

SPORT ON TV

ARCHERY: Eurosport 12.30-1pm: World championships from Lausanne.
ATHLETICS: Eurosport 2.30-3.30pm: Hungaria grand prix from Budapest. ITV 8.30-9pm: Highlights from Malmö, Sweden.
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Eurosport 10-11pm: Victorian Football League: Highlights of Melbourne v Fitzroy.
BOARDSAILING: Eurosport 1-1.30pm: World Cup final.
BOXING: Screensport 12-2pm: Top Rank event from the United States.
CRICKET: BBC2 10.50am-1.10pm, 1.35-1.50 and 4-6.10pm. Highlights 11.15-11.55pm. BBC1 1.50-4pm: Fifth Cornhill Test match: England v Australia from Trent Bridge.
DREAMING OF LORD'S: C4 11.05pm-12.55pm: Preparations of the Aboriginal cricket team during Australia's bicentennial year before their tour of Britain.
EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 1.30-2.30 and 7-8pm: Dublin Horse Show.
FOOTBALL: Eurosport 3.30-4.30pm: World Cup qualifying: Review. Screensport 4-5.30pm: World Cup qualifying: Venezuela v Chile. Eurosport 9-10pm: Dynamo Moscow v World select XI: Highlights.
GOLF: Screensport 6-8pm and 10pm-midnight: United States PGA championship: Live coverage of first day from Hawthorn Woods, Illinois. Screensport midnight-12.30am: Inside the PGA.
MOTORCYCLING: Screensport 9-9.30am and 12.30-1am (tomorrow): World trials championship from Lerida, Spain.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 7-8am and 9-10pm: Powersports International. Eurosport 6-6.30pm: Mobil news. Screensport 10-11am: BRDA championships.
SPORT IN FRANCE: Screensport 9.30-10am and 5.30-6pm.
SURFING: Eurosport 6.30-7pm: Surfer magazine from Hawaii.
TENNIS: Screensport 2-4pm: Volvo International: Semi-finals from Stratton Mountain, Vermont.
TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 11.30am-12.30pm: Sport from around the world.
TRIATHLON: Eurosport 8-9pm: World championships from Avignon.
WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS: Screensport 11am-midday.
WOMEN OF TODAY: ITV 1.30-2pm: Profile of Penny Fitch-Heyes, jump jockey.
WORLD GAMES: Eurosport 10.30-11.30am, 5-6pm and 11pm-midnight: More than 50 non-Olympic sports from Karlsruhe.
YACHTING: Screensport 8-8.30pm: European F40 championship from Douarnenez, France.

SQUASH RACKETS

Australians close ranks on outsiders

From Colin McQuillan
Perth

The Australian open championships effectively became closed here yesterday as the last foreign challenger, Fiona Geaves, of England, fell before a tide of home-grown, world-class talent.

With three of the Australian men in the field in the world top five, and six of their competing women among the world's best 10, it is scarcely surprising that the semi-finals, today, have become a domestic affair.

All credit, then, to Geaves. Yesterday she lost to Robyn Lambourne, the West Australian champion, who now meets Vicki Cardwell, the former world champion, who at 34 appears to have gained a new lease of competitive life. The second semi-final is an all-Queensland affair between Liz Irving and Danielle Drady.

Time has dealt less kindly with the former men's world champion, Geoff Hunt. Now aged 43, Hunt lost to Chris Dittmar, the world No. 3 and top seed here.

RESULTS (Australia unless stated): Men's singles: Quarter-finals: C Dittmar bt G Hunt, 9-0, 9-0, 9-2; R Eyles bt D Williams, 9-1, 9-2, 9-5; C Robertson bt M Robberds, 9-4, 7-9, 9-3, 9-5; R Martin bt A Hill, 9-6, 9-6, 4-9, 9-2. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: L Irving bt S FitzGerald, 9-2, 0-9, 9-3, 9-6; D Drady bt S Carter, 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; R Lambourne bt F Geaves (Eng), 9-2, 9-5, 9-3; V Cardwell bt M Martin, 9-2, 9-5, 4-9, 1-9, 9-2.

POLO

RA take on Cowdray

By John Watson

The Jaguar-sponsored Pony Club championships, which commenced at Epsom on July 9 and will be completed at Cowdray Park, Sussex, next Sunday, have attracted a record 67 team entries this summer. They are divided into four categories: Gannon (under-21), Rendell/Ledner (under-19), Loriners (under-17), and Handley Cross (under-14).

In the Windsor tournament, which took place at Smith's Lawn yesterday, six teams competed in the quarter-finals of the contest for the Jaguar Trophy (Jack Gannon category) Bicester beat Quorn, 9-2½; Cowdray beat VWH, 4-2½; and RA beat Cheshire, 6-4.

For the semi-finals, which will take place at Cowdray Park tomorrow Cowdray will take on RA.

OTHER RESULTS: Loriners, Division I: 1, RA I; 2, Cowdray. Division II: 1, Cheshire; Old Surrey and Burstow. Division III: 1, Puckeridge; 2, Vale of Aylesbury. Rendell, Division I: 1, Cambridge; 2, New Forest. Division II: 1, Chiddingfold; 2, HH. Division III: 1, Puckeridge; 2, Staff College.

JAGUAR TROPHY:
BICESTER: 1, P Gibbs (-1); 2, A Barlow (-1); 3, R Thornelow (1); back, J Tomkinson (-1).
CHESHIRE HUNT SOUTH: 1, P Townley (-1); 2, O Taylor (1); 3, J Rollinson (1); back, A Cole (-2).
COWDRAY: 1, S Plowright (-1); 2, M Fonseca (-1); 3, A Baillieu (1); back, E Hobden (-1).
QUORN: 1, C Black (-1); 2, S Titensor (-2); 3, A Dowding (0); back, A Wake (-2).
RA: 1, W Harris (0); 2, C Wroe (0); 3, P Wright (1); Back, F Hawkings Byass (-1).
VWH: 1, M Scott (-1); 2, G Prentice (-1); 3, R Williams (-1); back, J Gill (0).

EVENING RACING

Fontwell Park

Going: hard

6.45 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Solstice Bell (M Furlong, 11-4); 2, Shenyoup (10-1); 3, Dimension (11-1). Kings Rank 4-9 fav. 5 ran. 10l, 10l. R Voorspuy. Tote: £4.80; £1.60, £1.60. DF: £7.50. CSF: £22.76.

6.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, La Mollolla (S Smith Eccles, 9-4); 2, Mr Mcgregor (5-1); 3, Full Of Dreams (33-1). 4th Gabish 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 3l, 1l. Miss S Wilton. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £2.60. DF: £5.90. CSF: £13.99.

6.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, AF's Son (Mr G Upton, 8-11 fav); 2, Thames Trader (11-10); 3, Night Attack (50-1). 4 ran. ½l, dist. J White. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.30. CSF: £1.98.

SNOOKER

Swift exit for Parrott

From Steve Acteson, Hong Kong

John Parrott, who had flown in from an invitation tournament in New Zealand only 14 hours earlier, was bound for the airport again after being beaten 5-2 by Steve Newbury in the first round of the Hong Kong Open yesterday.

An opening break of 92 failed to settle Parrott, who missed the final red to surrender the sixth frame and then blundered on the final green in the seventh as Newbury claimed a place in the last 16. Parrott has elected not to enter next week's ranking tournament in Thailand.

Stephen Hendry, the second seed and another late arrival, let slip a 4-1 lead as Alain Robidoux, of Canada, levelled at 4-4, but when Robidoux unluckily went in-off after doubling a red in the decider, Hendry swept home a match-winning break of 77.

Dene O'Kane, ranked 28th, who had also played in his home country first, overcame jet lag to defeat Terry Griffiths, the former world champion, 5-4.

RESULTS: Fourth round: F Newbury (Wales) bt J Parrott (Eng), 5-2; D O'Kane (NZ) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 5-4; D Taylor (N Ire) bt B Gollan (Can), 5-4; S Hendry (Scot) bt A Robidoux (Can), 5-4; W Thorne (Eng) bt W Jones (Wales), 6-1; M Hallett (Eng) bt B West (Eng), 5-4.

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Fastnet triumph for New Zealand

By Barry Pickthall

New Zealand's two Round the World Race crews stole the thunder from their Whitbread rivals yesterday when they swept into Plymouth to take first and second places in the 606-mile Fastnet race.

Steinlager II, the 84-foot ketch skippered by Peter Blake, pipped Grant Dalton's similarly rigged Fisher and Paykel by just three minutes, serving notice on their fellow circumnavigators that they have the boats to beat when it comes to the Whitbread global marathon next month.

Steinlager crossed the finish line at 10.04am, 43 minutes ahead of Britain's maxi, Rothmans, the first sloop-rigged yacht to finish. Lawrie Smith, the skipper, took some comfort from beating Merit, Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss Whitbread maxi, by 15 minutes, but the awesome display of speed shown by the two New Zealand ketches on the downwind return leg from the Fastnet Rock surprised him.

Steinlager, which averaged 12 knots on the return leg to Plymouth, after surfing up to 18 knots, pulled back the 12-minute lead Fisher and Paykel had at the Rock to draw level off the Lizard before gaining the edge in the 47 miles.

Smith and his crew lost six miles to the ketches on the beat out to the Fastnet after staying inshore close to Land's End to cover Merit, leaving the New Zealand yachts to take advantage of a promised shift in the wind.

"Yes, we lost the race there," Rob Humphreys, the Rothmans navigator, said, "but even if we had not made that mistake, the ketches would have still beaten us."

Behind the maxis, Britain's three Admiral's Cup yachts were riding neck and neck with Denmark for the series after strong winds swept across the Irish Sea overnight causing several casualties.

The American challenge, led by Randy Short's chartered 50-footer, Great News, ended yesterday morning when her team-mate, Bravura, lost her rig and retired to Crosshaven. She followed Hector Tidd's 38-foot Class 3 yacht, Shady Lady, which lost her rig earlier and was towed to Cork by the Irish lifeboat.

As Great News closed on the finish late last night, Britain's Jamarella was holding fourth place followed by Juno, in fifteenth, but with Indulgence trailing 12 One Tonners back in 29th, their overall points advantage over Denmark in the Champagne Mumm series had been reduced to five points.

FASTNET FINISHERS: 1, Steinlager II, P Blake (NZ), 68hr 14min 28sec; 2, Fisher and Paykel, G Dalton (NZ), 68:18:59; 3, Rothmans, L Smith (GB), 68:57:11; 4, Merit, P Fehlmann (Switz), 69:12:43; 5, Baltic Maxi, M Wilkert (Fin), 69:34:46; 6, NCB Ireland, J English (Eire), 69:32:08.

England play for the future

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

At almost any other time in this summer of unremitting catastrophe, the England cricketers would have welcomed the dire weather forecast for Trent Bridge this week on the basis that potential for further embarrassment is diminished by not actually playing. Today, the rules are different.

With the Ashes gone and the South African expedition exposed, England have nothing left to gain by buying time. They have a future to build and they must start laying the foundations here in Nottingham, where the actual result is less important that the impression created.

The team fielded for today's fifth Cornhill Test match will increase England's turnover for the series to 26 players, three more than were used amid the disruption of last summer's multi-captained defeat by the West Indies. There are only three survivors from the team humbled in the opening Test at Headingley and, most remarkably, only two men — David Gower and Jack Russell — have appeared throughout the series.

If the upheaval has partly been caused by the grievous volume of injuries and partly by sheer inadequacy, it has now been climaxed by the disclosure of the South African subterfuge. The resultant clear-out could provide an overdue cleansing of an infected dressing-room and those playing today are arguably privileged to have the first chance in a new era.

Gower himself put this match into perspective last night when he said: "While the Ashes were at stake there could be no bigger incentive. Now, it boils down to individuals wanting to put in a performance on a purely selfish basis.

"Cricket has always been a game where players can perform for their own good and still benefit the team. The next step for us is to turn these performances into a unit where we all know what we are going to do."

Micky Stewart, the manager, is ever a man to find an encouraging statistic from an outright disaster and he ventured: "We are now looking at this as a two-match mini-series and we will be instilling this thought in all the players."

Stewart was anxious to shield the new and recalled players in his party from what he terms "distractions", which can presumably be translated as pointed interviews on long-term intentions and philosophies about South Africa. Mike Atherton, Devon Malcolm and Greg Thomas were, however, produced for the obligatory photographs and managed the kind of forced smiles usually seen on passport snaps of conscripts.

Their anxiety is understandable. On Atherton rests the quite unreasonable burden of being widely acclaimed as an imminent England captain before he has even played a Test match. On Malcolm and Thomas, the Jamaican and the Welshman, hangs an almost equal weight of expectancy as a genuinely quick and distinctive England attack.

The probability that these two will, indeed, share the new ball grew to near certainty yesterday as Ron Allsopp, the unfailingly cheerful Trent Bridge groundsman, predicted that the fast men would find something in his pitch to their advantage. He did complicate the matter by adding that it would turn later but England remain likely to include only one spin bowler, who, on his home ground, will probably be Eddie Hemmings.

A minor scare confronted the Australians yesterday. England will consider it long overdue. Australia have used only 12 players in four Tests and have not lost anyone through injury since Carl Rackemann broke down before the one-day internationals. Now, however, they are admitting to concern over the fitness of their most influential bowler, Terry Alderman.

A strained ankle tendon, suffered at Old Trafford, is reported to be on the mend and the camp is optimistic that Alderman will be among those present, trying to add to his 27 wickets in the series. If he does not make it, Tim May, the off-spin bowler, is likely to get his chance.

Trent Bridge teams

ENGLAND (from): D I Gower (captain), M A Atherton, I T Botham, N G B Cook, T S Curtis, A R C Fraser, E E Hemmings, D E Malcolm, M D Moxon, R C Russell, R A Smith, J G Thomas.

AUSTRALIA (from): A R Border (captain), T M Alderman, D C Boon, I A Healy, T V Hohns, M G Hughes, D M Jones, G F Lawson, G R Marsh, T B A May, C G Rackemann, M A Taylor, S R Waugh.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and N T Plews.

TV TIMES: BBC2 10.50am-1.10pm, 1.35-1.50 and 4-6.10pm. Highlights 11.15-11.55pm. BBC1 1.50-4pm.

WEATHER: Occasional rain at first, some sunshine later; winds light to moderate, south-west turning north-west; feeling fresher; maximum temperature 21 or 22° C (70 to 72° F).

CHRIS COLE

Moving over to the fast lane: Malcolm warms up for his Test debut in Nottingham yesterday

Gatting's men united over tour

By Alan Lee

David Graveney, the player-manager of the controversial party to tour South Africa, last night insisted that there is no danger of his squad suffering further losses despite the personal hostility being felt by every contracted player.

Graveney expects replacements for Phil DeFreitas and Roland Butcher to be announced within a week but he does not envisage the inclusion of any further coloured players.

"After what has happened this week it may be thought unwise to pursue that route," he said. "I can't blame the two guys who have dropped out. The hostility towards them was abnormal. When it comes to being put in fear of your life, something is sadly wrong."

Graveney spoke to most of his 13 remaining players by telephone on Tuesday evening and confirmed: "No one else is considering a change of heart. To be honest, none of us are in the same position as the two who have gone, although that does not mean we have escaped all the flak.

"I have had plenty of pressure myself, much of it extremely unpleasant. It hurts because I am a sensitive bloke and it hurts even more when it is directed at my family. It is not nice to feel you need to leave your phone off the hook.

"From talking to our other players, everyone has gone through something similar. The worst of it comes from cranks but that does not make it any easier to accept. It is encouraging, though, that the opinion polls run by newspapers seem to indicate that 75 per cent of the country can see nothing wrong in what we are doing."

Two significant players in the party went on record yesterday to pledge their loyalty to the tour. One was the captain, Mike Gatting; the other was 23-year-old Matthew Maynard, who has arguably the most to lose from sacrificing seven years' potential Test cricket.

Maynard, who has played only one Test, was thought to be the most vulnerable to possible coercion from club and country. But he said there is no possibility of any change of mind and added: "I can't wait to get on the plane."

Gatting had an early morning conference with Graveney at Cheltenham, where Middlesex were fortuitously playing Gloucestershire. A handful of demonstrators were inside the college ground and anti-apartheid literature was attached to every vehicle in the car park. One protester was arrested after an incident involving one of the festival stewards. But Gatting was unmoved.

"In anything like this, the initial reaction is huge and then it dies down to something more rational," he said. "I am certainly going through with my decision and I consider I am going there to help break down apartheid."

However naive or futile one may judge that remark, Gatting's belief in the project remains total. He reached his decision to join up later than the majority of the squad and was far less involved than many in its planning. But he had already decided that he could not undertake any further long tours with England. In effect, he had written off his Test career and the windfall from the Cape was timely.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the South African Cricket Union, admitted yesterday that the decisions of DeFreitas and Butcher were both an embarrassment and a setback. His confidence in the availability of replacements, however, is well-founded.

While in England a month ago, Bacher was beseiged by offers from players eager to join the unsanctioned tour. He was genuinely astonished by the volume of offers. Plenty could not be accommodated in the original 16-man squad so it can be assumed that a few phone calls will restore the party to full numerical strength.

David Capel, the all-rounder persistently neglected by England, is certain to be high on the wanted list. Other names likely to be discussed include Jon Agnew, Paul Allott, Peter Willey and, from the present England team, Greg Thomas.

Butcher, meanwhile, spoke yesterday of what his dalliance with the tour had cost him. "Apart from experiencing a depth of feeling I had never imagined existed, it has had a very bad effect on my benefit year. Some people who were working with me have felt they had to resign and I must now accept that the benefit will be a disaster. We all make mistakes in life. This was one of mine."

Cowans turns down offer

Norman Cowans, the Jamaican-born fast bowler on the brink of an England recall, admitted yesterday that he had been approached to join the South African tour (Alan Lee writes).

Cowans, however, rejected the offer out of hand and it now seems highly improbable that any further black cricketers will be lured into the unofficial party after the withdrawals of Phillip DeFreitas and Roland Butcher.

Cowans had appeared to possess most of the credentials for joining up with the party of malcontents and mercenaries. He played the last of his 19 Test matches four years ago, since when he has shown disaffection over being constantly ignored. At 28 years old, his future prospects seemed limited and as a Middlesex teammate of Mike Gatting, the tour captain, and John Emburey, who helped recruit the team, he was an obvious target.

Where Butcher, his county colleague, was tempted, however, Cowans stood firm on a matter of principle. Yesterday at Cheltenham he confirmed that both Emburey and David Graveney, the player-manager, had invited him to join the highly paid squad but he had refused. "They knew my feelings," Cowans said. "I believe South Africa to be an evil regime and nothing would persuade me to go there."

Cowans was openly delighted that both Butcher and Philip DeFreitas had obtained release from their contracts and their experiences are sure to discourage interest from any other black players. Ironically, this may ease the pressure on the remaining members of the party, who could now be spared the most volatile of the promised protests from black trade unions in South Africa.

Agents on mission in London

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

Two agents of the South African Rugby Board (SARB) are reported to have flown to London to try to persuade players from the British Isles tour of Australia to join the five-match tour of South Africa scheduled to start a week on Saturday.

Six of France's leading players said yesterday they were ready to play, however. They were Philippe Sella, Denis Charvet, Franck Mesnel, Laurent Rodriguez, Jean-Pierre Garuet, and Pierre Berbizier.

Five of six Australian internationals have declined invitations. Nick Farr-Jones, the national team captain and scrum half, has announced he would not be accepting, and the Australian Rugby Union said Simon Poidevin, David Campese, Andy McIntyre had declined. Michael Lynagh has turned down the offer, while Bill Campbell has not announced his decision.

● Peter Yarranton, the Sports Council chairman, has declined an invitation to attend the SARB centenary celebrations. Yarranton, who is a vice-president of the Rugby Football Union and won five England caps during the 1950s, believes sportsmen should not play in South Africa as long as its political system is based on apartheid.

END COLUMN

Subsidy hitting wrong targets

By Louise Taylor

Smartly suited executives are more likely to take advantage of a subsidized, early morning swim at their local leisure centre than manual workers. Similarly, professional women attend aerobics classes after work a lot more often than their unskilled counterparts.

As local authorities, who own and operate most leisure centres, subsidize them heavily in the belief that low charges encourage their use by poorer and disadvantaged groups, this information, contained in a report by the Audit Commission, may well come as a surprise.

More than 1,700 indoor sports facilities as well as many outdoor ones, including more than 150 golf courses, are managed by local authorities in England and Wales at a cost of about £400 million a year. The majority recover less than half their outgoings.

The Audit Commission points out that while 40 per cent of professional people utilize the facilities only 20 per cent of unskilled manual workers do so. In other words, wholesale subsidies are making life even smoother for the well-heeled but are having little impact on the lives of the deprived — leaving the ratepayers to foot the bulk of the bill.

Councils acting on a false premise

The message of the report, *Sport for Whom?*, is that the minority, who use sports centres regularly, are having a substantial portion of their pleasure paid for by the majority who do not.

As the report says: "It is also — perhaps unfortunately — true that participation in sport is more common among the better off. The proportion of professional people who participate regularly is about twice as high as that of unskilled, manual workers."

The Audit Commission highlights the example of an adult swimming session subsidized by £2 per person. Someone using the pool twice a week receives a subsidy of £200 a year. Ironically, to that adult, £200 a year probably represents a percentage of an annual gin bill.

The report suggests: "Commuters and business people may, for example, be willing to pay well above the normal price for an early morning swim. Prices might be raised for peak times when the facility is over-subscribed. Different prices might be charged at different centres, reflecting the different social characteristics of the catchment areas."

A need to strike the right balance

To explain this trend, the report ventures: "Women, members of some ethnic groups, the disadvantaged and others might not participate for social reasons: there might be no tradition of taking part and, in some cases, involvement might actually be disapproved of by peer groups and others."

It cites the instance of one London borough which found that only 32 people in a year came forward to take advantage of an offer to provide free swimming for the unemployed. It was found that the majority of unemployed people preferred to come along with their friends and pay.

With the Government having said it will extend compulsory competitive tendering by private sector firms to the management of sport and recreation facilities, now is clearly an opportune time for change.

Accordingly, the report recommends that local authorities must strike the right balance between social and financial considerations. This involves not only assessing the impact of pricing policies on the particular group they want to help but improving co-ordination with other authorities to avoid duplication and over-provision.

Predictably, this is music to the ears of the Department of the Environment, where Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, has his offices.

From there a spokesman said: "This is an important contribution towards securing better value for money in local government. It shows that there is much for authorities to do if they are to give proper value for money in the provision of sport and recreational facilities. It is hoped that authorities will now follow up the recommendations."

Rowland puts his World Cup case

Mark Rowland, Britain's Olympic steeplechase bronze medal winner, who made himself unavailable for Britain's European Cup team last weekend, expressed his opinion yesterday that he should be chosen to run in the World Cup next month.

Rowland said that he did not want to be considered for the European Cup steeplechase because he could not be expected to run that event the week before his most important race of the season, the Commonwealth Games 5,000 metres trial in Birmingham.

Tom Hanlon filled the gap but finished fourth in Britain's winning team at Gateshead; Rowland would have been expected to take maximum points and yesterday he said: "I want to run in the World Cup and think I should be picked because I'm the best man for the job."

John Regis, who won the European Cup 200 metres, said on Monday that Britain should choose an unchanged team for the World Cup in Barcelona from September 8 to 10, but Rowland responded: "I always believe the best team should be picked for a major event — you shouldn't go on sentiment, but on form.

"You can't expect distance runners to perform week in, week out at a high standard. I couldn't do myself justice in the 5,000 metres a week after doing a steeplechase."

African plague could lead to venue switch

Seville (Reuter) — A feared resurgence of African horse plague in Spain could jeopardize equestrian events at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, said yesterday.

"I can't be optimistic. We have to confirm it first and see how long it could last," Samaranch said. "If there is a danger that horse plague exists, then equestrian events will not be held." Three animals died in southern Spain last week in a suspected fresh outbreak of the highly infectious disease. Officials said tests to establish whether they definitely had horse plague would take about two weeks.

Samaranch said if the International Equestrian Federation did not allow competitions to take place in Spain, it would not be the first time they had been held outside the country hosting the Games. "I remember in 1956, because of a quarantine they wanted to impose on the horses, the event was held in Stockholm," he said. "But there are still three years to go to the Olympics. It is a long time." At the weekend, doctors vaccinated 700 horses in southern Spain against the disease.

Clinical blow for Tyson

Albany, New York (AP) — Mike Tyson, the world heavyweight boxing champion, paid $300 (about £170) in fines and agreed to conduct three youth clinics after pleading guilty to two counts of speeding yesterday.

Judge Stephen Safranko ordered Tyson, who was timed racing his Lamborghini at 71mph in a 30mph zone, to conduct two clinics at a community centre and a third for the Albany Parks Department. If Tyson fails to conduct the clinics within 60 days, he could face a jail sentence.

Gerard Maney, an Albany spokesman, said the clinics will include discussions with youths about drugs and possibly a boxing clinic. "If he can affect some of these youths' lives now, then he's doing a service to the community," Maney said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Gavaskar's defence

Delhi (Reuter) — Sunil Gavaskar, the retired Indian cricketer, yesterday denied responsibility for arranging the unauthorized tour of North America which led to six Indian Test players being banned from domestic and international cricket for a year.

Gavaskar, accused by Kapil Dev, one of those banned, of persuading the players that the tour would be officially sanctioned, said his connection with the affair was limited to playing a match in New York.

Schools tour

Welsh schools are to make an eight-match rugby union tour of New Zealand next summer.

Riding squad

Peter Murphy, aged 20, is named in the British squad from which a four-strong team will be chosen for the Vauxhall European Young riders' championships at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire from August 24 to 27.

TEAM: P Murphy (Lancashire), T Rampton (Hampshire), M McCourt (Stoke-on-Trent), K Doyle (Hampshire), C Crow (Shropshire).

Gavaskar: minor role

Jumping back

Prague (AP) — Eddie Edwards is planning an attempt on the British ski-jump record for an artificial surface when he competes in the Bohemian grand prix in Frentstat, Czechoslovakia on September 9.

Wachter wins

Anita Wachter, of Austria, won the women's Alpine skiing World Cup super-giant slalom in Las Lenas, Argentina, yesterday in a time of 1min 19.50sec, according to provisional results.

Sutton invited

Sutton Coldfield, runners-up in the English women's club hockey championship, have been invited to take part in the inaugural 1990 European Cup Winners' Cup, although England having no knockout cup competition.

New event

Audi are to sponsor a new advanced three-day event at Rotherfield Park in Hampshire from October 5 to 8. The event replaces the Chatsworth three-day event.

Neath halted

The Welsh Rugby Union has refused Neath permission to stage a match with Bath at the National Stadium, Cardiff. The sides will now meet at the Gnoll on September 30.

Clinton bout

Pat Clinton will defend his British flyweight title against Danny Porter, of Hitchin, at Watford Leisure Centre on October 24.

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